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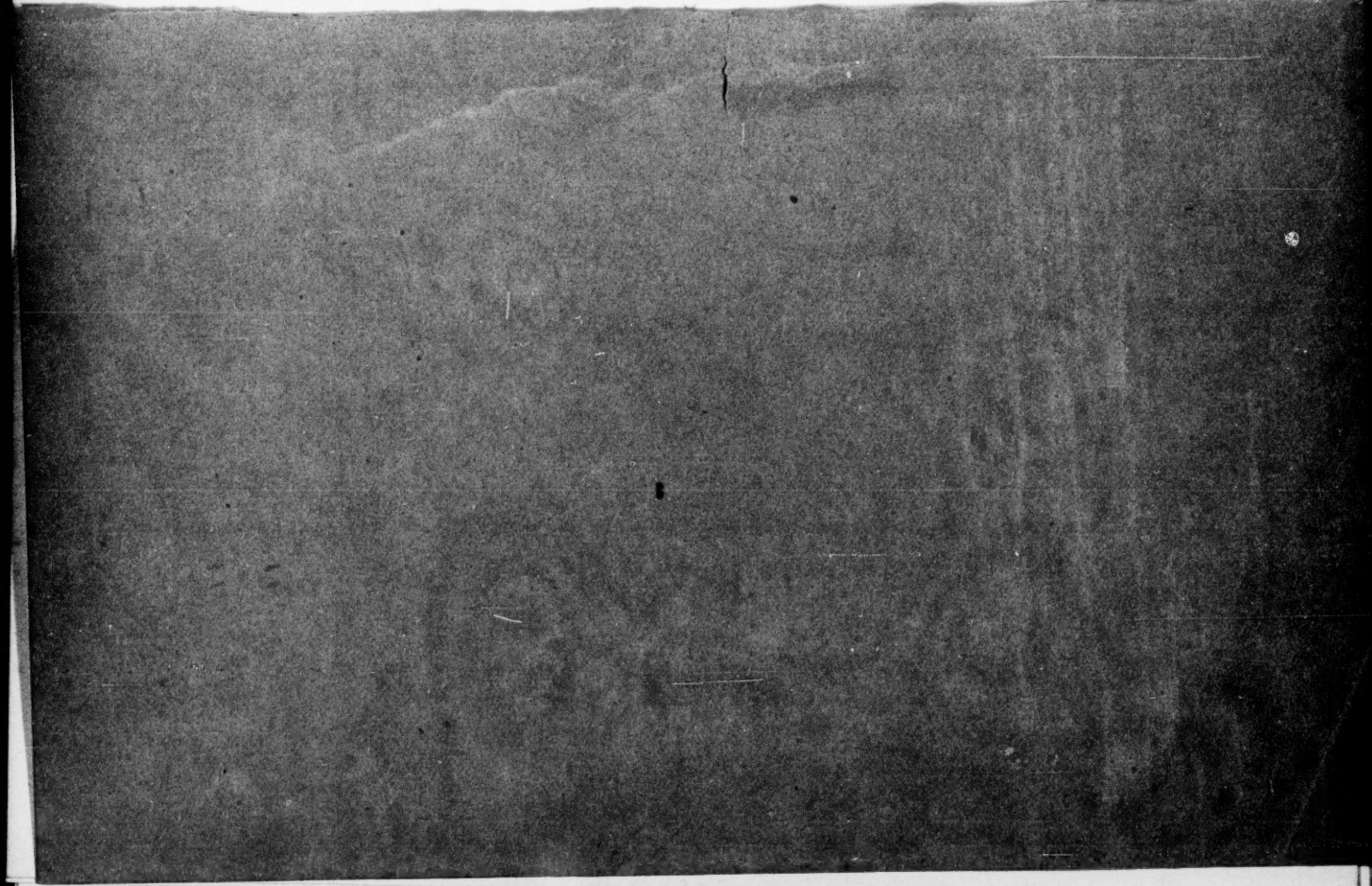

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a Supreme court of the State of Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX, GEO. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors. } No. 7678.

1 In Bossier Parish court, Louisiana, on probate docket.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'TR'X OF S. W. VANCE, DECEASED, G. W. Sentell & Co., int'v'rs. } No. 15.

Petition.

To the hon. the parish judge of Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

The petition of Sarah E. Vance, and of her husband, S. J. Ziegler, of the parish of Bossier, respectfully represents that Mary E. Vance, the mother of your petitioner, Sarah E. Vance, departed this life in October, 1859, at her residence in the parish of Bossier, leaving your petitioner and her brother, James B. G. Vance, as her only surviving children and heirs at law, and a large estate, consisting of lands, slaves, and personal effects, which was her own separate property, and not subject to any usufruct created by law. She further represents that an inventory of the property of the succession of her mother was made on the 20th day of February, 1860, which showed the value of her separate estate to be $106,776.07, as will be seen on the trial of this suit; and the value of the property of the community between her and her husband, S. W. Vance, the father of your petitioner, S. E. Vance, to be $53,322.33, one-half of which belonged to her father, and the other half to your petitioner and her aforesaid brother, making the total value of the property inherited by her
2 and her brother from the succession of their deceased mother, according to appraisement, amount to the sum of $133,437.23½. She further represents that her father was confirmed and qualified as natural tutor of herself and her brother, and took possession of the entire property derived by them from their mother's estate, which consisted of plantations in a high state of cultivation, slaves, farm stock, and implements, and other moveable property which yielded large annual revenues that were received by her said tutor from the date of the death of her said mother, in October, 1859, until the date of his death, which occurred in the month of May or June, 1877. That her father continued to administer this property and gather its fruits until her said brother died, in the year 1864, and was accountable for one-half of said rents and revenues to the date of the death of her said brother. She further represents that afterwards, to wit, on the 6th day of January, 1865, a partition was made of the property then held in common by herself, and the succession of her deceased brother, and also a partition of the property of the succession of her said brother between herself and the heirs of her said brother, who were your petitioner, his father, and his half brothers and sisters. Petitioner avers that in the partition of the property held in common

by her and the succession of her brother, she received property of the value of $57,448.50, consisting of slaves and stock, and in
3 the partition of her brother's succession she received property of the value of $28,459.50, consisting of slaves and stock, and also received in the partitions made of the common property and of that belonging to the succession of her said brother, the following-described lands, situate in the parishes of Bossier and Caddo, viz: The Buck Hall plantation on Red River, containing 735.79 acres. The undivided $\frac{1}{5}$ of section 28, township 20, range 13 (except the southeast quarter of southeast quarter of said section), and the east half of section 20, township twenty, range 13, containing about 920 acres. A certain tract of land in the Red River bottom, adjoining section 16, known as the west half of southwest quarter of section 15, containing 79.45 acres, and the northwest quarter of section 22, containing 159.45 acres, all in township 15 north, of range 11, containing in all 238.90 acres. The whole of the plantation, known as the Plain-dealing plantation, containing 2,240 acres, all of the above lands being in Bossier Parish, and also the following described tract of land in Bossier Parish, v'z: West fractional half of southeast fractional quarter of section 27, north of Red River, in township 22, range 14, containing 200 acres; and a certain tract of land in Caddo Parish, described as the fractional northwest quarter of section 24, and northeast quarter of section 23,
4 township 19, range 14, containing 240 acres, and the buildings and improvements thereon. She now represents that all of the property received or allotted to her in said partitions remained in the possession of her said tutor, and was administered by him down to the time of his death, in May or June, 1877, and that he is accountable to her for the whole of the rents, revenues, and profits of the said property from the date of said partitions to the 1st of June, 1877, a period of twelve years and six months. She avers that the rents of said property were well worth the sum of six thousand dollars per annum for the whole of said period of twelve years and six months. She further avers that she inherited and received from the succession of P. R. Gilmer in Alabama, a large estate in lands, slaves, and personal effects, which went into the hands of and under the control of her said tutor, for which he is accountable to her. She represents that said estate was acquired jointly by your petitioner and her said brother, and that in order to obtain possession thereof her tutor gave bond and security in the sum of $80,000. She represents that the personal property belonging to the separate estate of her mother was appraised at $2,710, for the rent and value of which her said tutor is responsible to her. She further represents that the personal property belonging to the community between her mother and her said tutor, was appraised at $27,909.00, one-
5 half of which belonged to herself and her brother, subject to the usufruct created by law in favor of her said father, and the other half to her said father. She represents that the said usufruct has been extinguished by the marriage of her said father to his second wife, Sarah E. Vance, which took place in the year 1860; and that he is accountable to your petitioner for one-fourth of the whole of said personal property, viz: $6,977.50 and to its rents from and after the date of his second marriage; and is also accountable for her interest in the succession of her brother in said personal effects belonging to said community, and rent therefor, from the date of his second marriage, as shown by the partition of said suc-

cession. Now she avers that her said tutor is responsible and accountable to her for one-half of the hire of all the slaves and personal effects, and for one-half of all the rents of the lands inherited by her from her said mother, from the 15th day of October, 1859, to the first day of June, 1864, the date of the death of her said brother. She further avers that her said tutor is responsible and accountable to her for the whole of the hire of the personal effects, and for the whole of the rents of the lands received and allotted to her in the partition of the common property belonging to her and her brother, inherited from their mother aforesaid; and also for

6 the hire of personal effects and rents of lands allotted to and received by her from the succession of her brother from the 1st of June, 1864, to the death of the tutor, in May or June, 1877. She further avers that her said tutor is responsible and accountable to her, for the value of the personal effects, the hire of slaves, and the rents of lands received by her from the estate of P. R. Gilmer, in Alabama. She further avers that the hire of slaves and personal effects, and the rents of lands inherited by herself and brother from her mother from the 15th day of October, 1859, the date of her mother's death, to the 1st of June, 1864, the date of her brother's death, were worth not less than $16,000 per annum, for one-half of which her said tutor is accountable and responsible to her. She further represents that the hire of moveables, and rents of land received by her in partition of the common property, and of the succession of her brother, from the death of her brother, on the 1st day of June, 1864, or thereabouts, to the date of the death of her tutor, in May or June, 1877, were worth not less than six thousand dollars per annum. She further avers that her said tutor is also responsible and accountable for the rent of the land and hire of personal effects received from the estate of P. R. Gilmer, in Alabama, from the 1st day of January, 1862, to the date of his death; and that he is also responsible for the hire of slaves received by her from said estate, from the 1st of January, 1862, to the date of their

7 emancipation. She avers that the rent of said lands and personal effects was worth not less than $2,000 per annum, and the hire of the slaves not less than $1,000 per annum for the period of time aforesaid. She further represents that during the periods of time hereinbefore specified, her said tutor wholly neglected and failed to lease at public auction the land, slaves, and personal effects belonging to your petitioner, and administered by her said tutor, but employed the same for his own use and benefit, and not for the use and benefit of petitioner as authorized and in the manner required by law, that is to say, upon the advice of a family meeting only approved and homologated by a proper court. She further avers that having neglected to lease said property as the law required, and having failed to obtain the legal authorization necessary to enable him to cultivate the land and employ the slaves and personal effects for the benefit and at the risk of petitioner, her said tutor is legally amenable to her for the rents of said lands, and the hire of said slaves and personal effects at their market value, as hereinbefore stated.

She now avers that her said tutor died in May or June, 1877, leaving a will which has been probated and his succession opened in the parish of Bossier, and that Sarah E. Vance, the widow of deceased, has been confirmed and qualified as testamentary executrix, and is now administering his estate as such and is bound to render an account of the tutorship

8 of S. W. Vance, the tutor of petitioner. Wherefore, the premises being considered, the plaintiffs, the said Sarah E. Vance and husband S. J. Ziegler, pray for citation to the said Sarah E. Vance, excutrix of the succession of S. W. Vance, deceased; and that she be ordered to render within ten days from the order of said service of said order, a full, fair, & just account of the tutorship of the said S. W. Vance, of all the property, real and personal, rights and credits that came into his possession or under his control, belonging to your petitioner Sarah E. Vance, now the wife of said Ziegler.

They further pray for all other orders and decrees necessary in the premises, and for costs and general relief.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR, *Att'ys.*

The law and evidence being in favor of the application of the petitioners, it is ordered and decreed that Sarah E. Vance, executrix of S. W. Vance, do render within ten days from the service of this order with one additional day for every ten miles of her residence from the court-house of Bossier Parish, a full and complete account of S. W. Vance's tutorship of the minor Sarah E. Vance, as prayed for in the foregoing petition.

Done and signed at chambers this 19th day of July, 1877.

(Signed) B. F. FORT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed July 19th, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, deputy clerk, d. c.

9 *Citation.*

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish af Bossier:

In parish court, probate docket, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EX'TR'X OF S. W. VANCE, DECEASED. } No. 15.

To Sarah E. Vance, executrix of S. W. Vance, deceased, of Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby cited to appear in the office of the clerk of the district court, in the town of Bellevue, in the parish aforesaid, and comply with demand contained in the petition of which a copy is hereto annexed, or file your answer thereto, in writing, within ten days after the service hereof, with one additional day for every ten miles between your residence and the office of said clerk of the district court.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said parish court, on this 20th day of July, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Clerk Dist. Court, Bossier P'h, La.

Sheriff's return on citation.

Rec'd July 21st, 1877, and on the 23d day of the same month and year I served a certified copy of the within citation, together with a certified copy of plaintiff's petition, on the defendant, Mrs. S. E. Vance, ex'tr'x, by handing same to her in person, at her domicil, in the parish of Bossier, La., 21 miles from Bellevue.

(Signed) JOE B. O'NEAL, *Sh'ff*,
P'r W. H. HILL, *Deputy*.

10 (Endorsed:) Filed July 24th, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

Answer and account of defendant.

Succession docket, Bossier Parish court, Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EX'TR'X OF S. W. VANCE, DECEASED. } No. 15.

Now comes Sarah E. Vance, executrix of the last will and testament of S. W. Vance, dec'd, and defendant in the above-styled suit, and in answer to plaintiffs' petition in said suit, herewith files an account of the receipts and disbursements made by S. W. Vance, dec'd, in his lifetime, as the natural tutor of said plaintiff, S. E. Vance, which said account shows a balance due to said S. W. Vance, deceased, of five thousand & seventy $\frac{82}{100}$ dollars by said plaintiff, S. E. Vance. Respondent further shows that she makes the eight annual accounts referred to in said account, and the vouchers to each of said eight annual accounts exhibits to and parts of her said account herewith filed and of this her answer. Respondent further shows that said eight annual accounts were made out by said S. W. Vance, dec'd, in his lifetime; that the said annual accounts, numbered from 1 to 7 inclusive, were filed by said S. W. Vance, deceased, in your honorable court; that said annual accounts, from 1 to 5 inclusive, were duly homologated by the parish court of Bossier Parish after due notice to the under tutor of S. E. Vance, and that all of said annual accounts, except the eighth,
11 were approved by P. R. Gilmer, under tutor, &c. Respondent further shows that the property of S. E. Vance, administered by her tutor, said S. W. Vance, dec'd, consisted of lands, slaves, and other personal property; that among the slaves were a large number of women and children; that the said S. E. Vance, since her emancipation by intermarriage with the said S. J. Ziegler, has had possession of all the lands belonging to her or ever under control of said S. W. Vance, dec'd, as her tutor; that the slaves were emancipated by the Government of the United States, and that since the marriage of S. E. Vance said S. W. Vance delivered to her or her husband, mules, farming implements, and all other personal and movable property belonging to her; that the number of said mules and farming implements and the character and description of the other movable property so delivered by said S. W. Vance, dec'd, to said plaintiffs are not fully known to this respondent, but that she believes a

list of same is in possession of said plaintiff, S. J. Zeigler. Respondent hence further shows that said account herewith filed and the said eight annual accounts made exhibits to this answer gives a full, fair, and perfect account of the administration of the tutorship of said S. E. Vance by her said natural tutor, S. W. Vance, deceased, except the real and personal property belonging to her at the close of said tutorship, by marriage
12 of said S. E. Vance, all of which said real and personal property was delivered to her, said S. E. Vance, and her husband, S. J. Ziegler, by said S. W. Vance, deceased. Wherefore respondent prays that the account herewith filed by her for said S. W. Vance, as tutor, to said S. E. Vance be homologated, approved, and made the judgment of the court; that the respondent, in her capacity of executrix of the last will and testament of said S. W. Vance, deceased, have judgment against said S. E. Vance and said S. J. Zeigler for the sum of five thousand & seventy $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars, & legal interest thereon, and for cost of suit and general relief, &c.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for S. E. Vance, Ex'tx.

Account annexed.

Account of S. W. Vance, dec'd, natural tutor of Sallie E. Vance, rend'd by S. E. Vance, exe'tr'x of S. W. Vance, dec'd, at suit of Sallie E. Vance and S. J. Ziegler, No. 15, in Bossier Parish court.

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Do. " 4th do. $6,617.67 @ do.		661 67
Do. " 5th do. $10,664.47 @ do.		1,066 44
Do. " 6th do. $10,056.70 @ do.		1,005 67
Do. " 7th do. $11,158.18 @ do.		1,115 81
Do. " do. $6,685.82 & $2,087.94		
$8,773.76 revenues in 8th an. account, @ 10 %		877 37
		112,208 10

Amounts received for minor by tutor, as shown per annual %, to wit:

Amount received pr. 1st annual %.....						38,499 00
Do.	do.	2d	do.	do		11,057 33
Do.	do.	3d	do.	do		7,863 64
Do.	do.	4th	do.	do		9,064 19
Do.	do.	5th	do.	do		10,664 47
Do.	do.	6th	do.	do		10,056 70
Do.	do.	7th	do.	do		11,158 18
Do.	do.	8th	do.	do	$6,685 82 / $2,087 94	8,873 76
						$107,137 27
To balance due tutor						5,070 83
						$112,208 10

14 For the accounts annexed, See F, 53 to 261.

(Endorsed:) Filed Feb. 15th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

Opposition to account.

Parish court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE & HUSBAND
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXE'T'X. } No. 15.

Opposition of plaintiffs to final account of tutorship rendered by defendant.

Now come the plaintiffs and oppose the final account of tutorship rendered by defendant by order of court, on the following grounds, to wit:

1st. Because the executrix has rendered no account of tutorship from the year 1859 to 1865, as she was bound to do under the order of court. Plaintiffs allege that the tutor is legally chargeable with the rents of land and the hire of slaves from 1859 to 1865, a period of five years, which rents and hire were worth, as alleged in their petition, the sum of sixteen thousand dollars per annum, one-half of which belongs to your opponent, Sarah E. Vance. They pray that the succession of Vance be charged with said amount in the account rendered by the executrix.

2d. Because defendant has rendered no account of the tutorship of J. B. G. Vance, the brother of opponent, from 1859 to 1865, for rent of land and hire of slaves, to three-fourths of which she succeeded by inheritance from her said brother in 1864, at which time he died, said rents and hire being worth $8,000 per annum during the said five years. Opponents pray that the succession of Vance be charged with three-fourths of
15 the rent of land and hire of slaves aforesaid in the account of the executrix in this case. Opponents represent that their tutor remained in possession of the plantations and slaves belonging to opponent and her brother during the aforesaid period of five years, cultivated and made crops on the same, and disposed of the same crops without any let or hinderance on account of the war between the Confederate States and the United States, that prevailed during a part of said period.

3d. Opponent oppose all the items of the debit side of the first annual account of the tutor, and made a part of the account rendered by defendant from No. 1 to 88, inclusive, on the grounds that the tutor had no right or authority to contract said debts, or any part thereof, and that said debts did not enmure to the benefit of your opponent, Sarah E. Vance, and largely exceeded her revenue for the year 1865.

4th. They oppose all the items on the debit side of the 2d annual account made a part of the account rendered from 1 to 42, inclusive, on the ground that the tutor had no authority to contract said debts, and that the same largely exceeded the amount of her revenues, and did not enmure to the benefit of opponent.

5th. They oppose all the items of the 3d annual account, a part of the account rendered from No. 1 to 40, inclusive, also all the items on the 4th annual account from No. 1 to 44, inclusive; also all the items in
16 the 5th annual account from No. 1 to 65, inclusive; also all the items of the 6th annual account from No. 1 to 40, inclusive; also all the items in the 7th annual account from No. 1 to 85, inclusive; and all the items on the last annual account from No. 1 to 93, inclusive; all being charged against opponent on the debit side of said account, which are included in and made a part of the account rendered by defendant, on the ground that the tutor had no legal right or authority to contract said debts; that the same were largely in excess of opponent's revenues during the years embraced by said accounts and did not enmure to the benefit of opponent.

6th. They oppose the account on the ground it did not charge the tutor with the rent of land and hire of slaves from the 15th of October, 1859, to the 1st of January, 1865, and with the rent of lands and hire of personal effects from the first day of January, 1865, to the death of the tutor in

1877. They represent that the rent of lands and hire of personal effects from the first day of January, 1865, to the year 1877, inclusive, were well worth the sum of six thousand dollars per annum.

7th. They oppose the account, because it does not account for all the property that came into the hands of the tutor, as per inventory of the same.

8th. They oppose the account on the further ground that if the
17 tutor had the right to contract the debts charged on the debit side of the account for supplies, in order to cultivate the lands of opponent during the time of her minority, which she denies, then she opposes all the items on the credit side of said accounts because they are less than she was entitled to, in this, to wit, that while she is charged with all the supplies and expenses of cultivation she is credited with only one-half of the cotton crops made on said lands. She alleges that all of said plantation supplies should have been paid out of the half of the crops, to which the laborers were entitled, they having consumed the same, and not out of her half, as charged in the accounts of the tutor. Opponents allege that these errors in the credit side of the accounts amount to a very large sum, to wit, the sum of $102,066.44.

Opponents now aver that she, Sarah E. Vance, had and still has a tacit mortgage on all the real estate owned by said tutor at the time of his death, and now in his succession, to secure a faithful administration of her property and the payment of whatever balance the tutor might owe her on a final settlement of the tutorship. They aver that article 123 of the constitution of Louisiana, which was intended to destroy all tacit mortgages existing in this State prior to the first of January, 1870, is in violation of the Constitution of the United States as to all tacit mortgages &
18 privileges existing prior to that date.

They aver that the said article of the constitution could have no retroactive operation, and could have effect only upon future mortgages & privileges.

They further aver that obligations are created as well by law as by contract in this State, and that a mortgage created by law has the same force and effect as one created by contract, and the State has no more power to destroy or impair a mortgage created by law than it has to destroy one created by agreement of parties, and that in either case the obligation of a contract would be equally impaired.

Wherefore opponents pray that their opposition to the account filed by the executrix, including the annual accounts filed by the tutor in his lifetime, be sustained on all the grounds stated in this opposition, and that the tacit mortgage of the opponent, Sarah E. Vance, be recognized and enforced on all the real estate of the tutor, now in his succession, for the payment of the balance that may be found to be due her on final settlement, and for all general and special relief in the premises, and cost.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR, *Att'ys.*

(Endorsed:) Filed Feb. 26th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

19 *Amended opposition.*

Parish court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE & HUSB'D
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX.

Opposition to account.

Plaintiffs, with leave of the court, file this, their amended opposition, to the account of tutorship of S. W. Vance, dec'd, filed by the executrix, and oppose said account on the following additional grounds, viz:

1st. Because the said tutor S. W. Vance having qualified and given bond, as required by the law of Alabama, received the sum of thirty thousand dollars in stocks, bonds, notes, and money belonging to opponent, Sarah E. Vance, and her brother, which they inherited under the will of Peachy Gilmer, in said State of Alabama, one-half of which belonged to your said opponent, and three-fourths of the other half descended to her by inheritance from her deceased brother, all of which is unaccounted for by the deceased tutor or by the defendant.

Wherefore adopting all the allegations and prayers of their original opposition, they pray that in settlement of the said account of the tutorship the executrix be charged with the amounts of said stocks, bonds, notes, certificates of stock, and money, with interest thereon, and that opponents have judgment for the same in accordance with law in addition to the claims and demands set up in their original opposition. They pray for costs and general relief in the premises.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR, *Att'ys.*

20 It is ordered that this amended opposition be filed in the above-entitled suit.

Done and signed at chambers, this 17th day of April, 1877.

(Signed) B. F. FORT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed April 17th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

Amended opposition.

In parish court of the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXEC'T'X. } No. 15.

Now come plaintiffs and pray leave of the court to amend their original opposition to the accounts of the tutorship of S. W. Vance, deceased, rendered and filed by the defendant executrix in this case, on the following grounds, to wit:

1st. Because the executrix has rendered no account of the personal effects bequeathed by the last will and testament of the late George E.

Gilmer, of the parish of Bossier, to your opponent and her brother, J. B. G. Vance, and which came into the possession and under the administration of their late tutor, S. W. Vance, amounting in value to a large sum.

2d. Because said accounts contains charges for tutor's commissions on the gross proceeds of cotton crops for a series of years.

3d. Because the excess of expenditures over the annual revenues of the minors is charged in all of said accounts as debts due by said minor.

4th. Because said account contain charges against your opponents for purchase of property by her late tutor made without authority, and which did not enmure to her benefit.

21 5th. Because said accounts do not give your opponent credit for all the cotton received on the Burk Hall plantation, and which came into the possession and under the administration of her late tutor.

6th. Because said accounts do not allow interest on the large sum of money due your opponent after striking out the illegal charges in said accounts, and after giving to your opponent all proper credits.

Wherefore, they pray that this their amended opposition be sustained on the grounds above stated, in addition to the grounds stated in their original opposition, and that they have judgment on said opposition according to law and the justice of the case, for general relief, and cost.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR, *Att'ys.*

(Endorsed:) Filed Sept. 3d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

Extract from the minutes.

Probate docket. Bossier Parish court, Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL. *vs.* S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

MARCH 7TH, 1878.—Continued by consent till May term, 1878.

JUNE 4TH, 1878.—Intervention of G. W. Sentell & Co. filed.

Answer to intervention by plaintiffs filed. Affidavit for continuance filed by defendant. Continuance granted. Leave granted to defendant & intervenors to take testimony in and out of the State.

Intervention of G. W. Sentell & Co.

In Bossier Parish court, State of Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE & HUSB'D *vs.* S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

22 To hon. judge of said court:

The petition and intervention of G. W. Sentell & Co., composed of George W. Sentell, of the parish of Orleans, Louisiana, and Benjamin Conger, respectfully shows their commission firm holds a note signed by S. W. Vance, now deceased, date' 16th June, 1876, at one day, for eleven thousand nine hundred & forty-six $\frac{75}{100}$ doll's, with 8 % interest from date,

and duly accepted by S. E. Vance, executrix of S. W. Vance's will, August 14th, 1877, all of which is due and owing. They show that plaintiff in said case has sued the defendant for an account of the tutorship of S. W. Vance while he lived. That defendant has filed an account, and plaintiff has filed an opposition, setting out a number of extravagant and fictitious demands, and claiming legal mortgage on all S. W. Vance's immovables.

Petitioners pray to be allowed to here intervene and time for service. They oppose all the demands of plaintiffs, and especially all the demands of plaintiffs' first opposition as fictitious, & all the claims set up in the amended opposition as fictitious. That the bonds and stocks, &c., alleged to have been received by S. W. Vance were not received by him in Louisiana, nor as tutor, and that the said stocks & bonds were on bankrupt parties and were worthless & valueless at all times, and not collectable or chargeable to S. W. Vance or his succession. They show that plaintiffs never had any legal or other mortgage. That no registry of any mortgage in favor of plaintiffs was ever made anywhere, as required by article 123 of the constitution and the statutes.

He shows that if plaintiffs' demand be allowed, the succession will
23 not be sufficient to pay their claim.

They pray due service and citation on both plaintiffs and defendant, and pray that all the demands of the plaintiff be rejected, and pray for costs and general relief.

(Signed) J. D. WATKINS, *Att'y.*

Plaintiffs accept service of the above and foregoing petition, waive citation, and all copies and time.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR,
Att'ys for Plaintiffs.

Service of the above intervention is hereby accepted, and all copies waived this June 5th, 1878.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for S. E. Vance.

Answer.

In Bossier Parish court, probate docket.

S. E. VANCE & HUSB'D
vs. } No. 15.
S. E. VANCE, EEX'TR'X.

Now come S. E. Vance and husband, and for answer to petition of intervention of G. W. Sentell & Co. deny all and singular the allegations therein contained.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR,
Att'ys for Plaintiffs.

Petition and intervention of Sentell & Co. Filed June 4th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

Answer thereto of S. E. Vance & husband. Filed June 4th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

Application and affidavit for continuance.

Probate docket. Bossier Parish court, Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXE'T'X. } No. 15.

Now comes Sarah E. Vance, executrix of the last will and testament of S. W. Vance, deceased, and moves the court to continue
24 this cause, and represents that she cannot safely go to trial at this term of the court on account of the absence of important and material witnesses, to wit, B. C. Matlock, W. J. Fish, H. W. Ogden, and Thomas Smith, for all of whom she ordered summonses to issue on the 27th of May, 1878, and that she understands and has been informed that subpœnas were duly issued for said witnesses on said date. Applicant alleges that she expects to prove by said witnesses that in the commencement of said S. W. Vance's tutorship for S. E. Vance there were a large number of women and children among the slaves belonging to said minor, and that it was for the interest of said minor at that time to keep the said slaves on the plantations of said minor, and that hence it was also necessary that the plantations of said minor should be worked. Applicant further shows that she also expects to prove by said witnesses that said S. W. Vance managed said plantations as a prudent administrator of same; that since the emancipation of the slaves belonging to said S. E. Vance, opponent, planting on Red River had not been profitable, and that in two or more years since the emancipation of the said slaves overflows of Red River destroyed to a great extent the crops upon the principal plantation of said opponent, which was then being worked by said S. W. Vance as tutor for said opponent and for her account. Applicant further shows that she cannot safely go to trial now on account of the absence of the testimony of various witnesses resident at Montgomery, in the
25 State of Alabama, who are competent and material; that among said witnesses are Ch's T. Pollard, Josiah Moore, Sam'l D. Hubbard, sr., Sam'l D. Hubbard, jr., Louis Owen, and Frank Gilmer; that by said witnesses applicant expects to prove that the stocks alluded to in opponent's amended opposition and unaccounted for by said S. W. Vance, dec'd, as per items relative thereto in memorandum made by said S. W. Vance, dec'd, hereto annexed and marked Exhibit A, are all worthless.

Applicant further shows that the said amended opposition of opponent was filed on the 17th day of April, 1878; that this is the first regular term of the probate court held since the filing of said amended opposition; that the matters set up in said amended opposition required the procuring of testimony in the State of Alabama; that the applicant nor her attorney found no accurate and detailed list of said stocks, bonds, notes, &c., until about ten or twelve days prior to the present session of this court; that applicant's attorney has endeavored to obtain the names of witnesses having knowledge of the value of said stocks, bonds, notes, &c., and had procured the names of the witnesses last above mentioned, but procured their names too late to take the depositions in time for the trial of this case at the present term of this court; that by the witnesses last above named, and

others which applicant believes can be found, she expects to prove that the statements made by said S. W. Vance, dec'd, in the said Exhibit A, hereto attached, are all true, and that no further amounts were received by said S. W. Vance, dec'd, besides those admitted by him in the said memoranda, by him made in the said Exhibit A.

26 Applicant further alleges that she believes she has exercised all due diligence for the procurement of testimony of the witnesses mentioned herein; that she does not know of any other witnesses present by whom all the facts known to the witnesses herein mentioned can be proved; that she had not attempted to procure depositions of said witnesses resident in Bossier Parish, before the clerk of the district court, because the attorneys for opponent resided beyond the limits of said parish, and twenty miles distant from Bellevue; that the application is not made for delay, but that justice may be done to all parties interested in the succession of S. W. Vance, deceased.

Wherefore applicant prays that said cause be continued until the next term of this court, or until a term to be fixed by the court with consent of parties interested, and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for Applicant.

Affidavit.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Before the undersigned legal authority personally came J. A. Snider, who, after being duly sworn, states on his oath that he is attorney for the succession of S. W. Vance, deceased, represented by Mrs. S. E. Vance, executrix, &c., who is applicant in foregoing petition for continuance of the cause mentioned in caption of same; that affiant has been creditably informed and believes that said S. E. Vance, ex't'x, &c., was sick and

27 confined to her house and bed nearly of the week ending on Friday last; that her health is ordinarily feeble; that she is not now in attendance at this court; that affiant believes that her attendance at this court would have, under the circumstances, been extremely detrimental to her health, and that hence affiant makes this affidavit. Affiant further states that all the facts alleged in foregoing application for the continuance of the cause as therein mentioned were true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this June 4th, 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 4th, 1878. (Signed:) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Exhibit A in application for continuance.

Notes, bonds, stocks, &c., estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, when collected, or what disposition made of them by S. W. Vance, tutor.

These papers were placed in the hands of Messrs. Watts and Troy, of Montgomery, Alabama, for collection.

1st. One note on S. W. Vance, due June 14th, 1859, for $5,500.00 in currency; one credit of 6th August, 1860, for $440.00. This note has been paid in full; refer to tutor's account, filed January 4th, 1868. This money was given for money borrowed from Peachy R. Gilmer during my first wife's life-time, and was paid out for negroes in Richmond, Virginia, & South Carolina, in July and August, 1859. My two first children, J. B. & S. E. Vance, drew one-half, and S. W. Vance, sr., one-half; this settled in full.

2d. One note on Mrs. M. A. Gilmer, due Decem. 18th, 1862,
28 interest from 18th of December, 1861. This note was given for one-sixth interest in plantation belonging to estate of Peach R. Gilmer, dec'd, and Mrs. M. A. Gilmer, owning one-half interest in same, this one-sixth interest belonging to my two children, J. G. B. & Sarah E. Vance. After the death of my son, J. G. B. Vance, my daughter, Mary B. G. Vance, inherited his one-half interest in said lands with my older daughter, Sarah E. Vance, this being from the two having been the same head of family. P. R. Gilmer was the grandfather of both the mothers, granddaughters of P. R. Gilmer, deceased. This note was placed in the hands of Messrs. Watts and Troy. They could not collect the money and was finally forced to take back the entire tract of land, including that half of Mrs. M. A. Gilmer, and this land was afterwards divided equally between the heirs of Mrs. Eliza L. Gilmer, mother of my first wife, Miss Mary B. Gilmer's heirs, Miss M. G. Gilmer, and Miss E. L. Gilmer; my children's interest remains yet unsold.

3rd. One note on E. Y. Fair, esq'r, due 2d January, 1859, with two credits—one 11th of February, 1859, for $166.40; one 1st January, 1860, for $80.00, being the interest on same. This note for $1,166.40, in currency. This note was placed in the hands of Messrs. Watts & Troy for collection. No property could be found; it is worthless.

4th. One note on W. J. Fuller and Allen E. Fuller, due 21st of January, 1861, for $472.12. Nothing paid on this note.

29 5th. One note on Thomas Williams, due 1st January, 1860, for $666.67. Nothing paid on this note.

6th. One note on Thomas Williams for $666.67. Nothing paid on this note.

7th. One note on S. J. Caraway, due March 2d, 1860, for $500.

Rece'd of S. J. Caraway $400 on this note, and accounted for.

8. One note on William H. Wilkinson, due 14th July, 1860, for $2,050 with four credits:

One July 8th, 1858, $164.00.
" July 5th, 1857, for $164.00.
" July 12th, 1860, for $164.00.
" July " " " $50.00.

These amounts are the interest yearly on this note. This note was collected by Watts and Troy, March 29th, 1871, 10 % less commissions, $1,995.00.

S. E. Vance, minor, interest in same, $997.50, and accounted for, in account filed 3d annual, to minor S. E. Vance.

9th. Montgomery Insurance stock, $1,000.00.

Not sold, nor received; no dividend on same up to March 29th, 1871. In the hands of Watts & Troy.

10th. Montgomery Mining Co. for $1,000.00.
11th. Coupons on same due, 118.00.
12th. Coupons on same due, 214.74.
10th. This stock with coupons was sold for $818.41.
11th. Sarah E. Vance's in same, $511.50.
12th. Due, accounted for, 3d annual account.
13th. Alabama & Florida R. R. stock for $833.33⅓.
14th. Montgomery & Eufala R. R. stock, 166.66.
This stock is in the hands of Watts & Troy. Received no dividends on either, nor cannot be sold.
30 15th. Montgomery & West Point Railroad stock, $3,883.33. No dividend received on this stock, nor it cannot be sold.
16th. Proceed of the cotton on hand at the time of Peachy R. Gilmer's sale, which was not sold by the executors, F. M. Gilmer and James J. Gilmer, until some time after sale. This cotton when sold, the executors claim to have appropriated the proceeds to the payment of debts presented against the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, after the first settlement was made with the heirs; refer to final settlement estate of P. R. Gilmer, 26th December, 1861. I never received one dollar of same.

A statement of notes, bonds, railroad stock, &c., from estate Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, of Montgomery, Alabama, made out 27th March, 1875.

This statement is made out for the benefit of children should I die, this 27th of March, 1875.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 4th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Sum's to T. N. Braden.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE & HUSBAND
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To T. N. BRADEN:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person at the clerk's office, town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 6th day of May, 1878, and from day to day and term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a wit-
31 ness in the above-entitled suit on the docket of said court on part of plaintiff. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 23d day of March, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) L. B. KELLY,
D'y Clerk Dist. Court.

Sheriff's return.

On the 23d day of March, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within sum mons on T. N. Braden, in person, in the town of Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S E. DEVEREUX, *D'y Sh'ff.*

(Endorsed:) Filed March 23d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE & HUSBAND
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To J. E. ROBERTSON:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear, in your proper person, at the clerk's office, in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and from term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit, in open court, on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, executrix. Herein fail not under penalty of the law. Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

Sheriff's return.

Served a certified copy of the within summons on J. E. Robertson, personally, in the parish of Caddo, May 30th, 1878, 9 miles from Shreveport.

(Signed) R. C. SIMES, *D'y Sheriff.*

(Endorsed:) Filed June 1st, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

32 STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE & HUSBAND
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To JAMES MARKS, sr., *Caddo Parish, La.:*

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summoned to be and appear, in your proper person, in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and from term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit, in open court, on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance et al. Herein fail not under penalty of the law. Wit-

ness the honorable B. F. Fost, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

JOANNES SMITH, *D'y C'k D. C.*

Sheriff's return.

After diligent search and enquiry, and not being able to find the within-named James Marks, sr., and having been informed that said Marks has gone to Texas, I therefore return this summons as not served, May 31st, 1878.

(Signed) W. HEPFNER,
Sh'ff Caddo Parish.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 1st, 1878. Signed Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

TO WILLIAM HAYNES:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear, in your proper person, in the town of Bellevue, said
33 parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and from term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit, in open court, on docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance et al. Herein fail not under penalty of the law. Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

Sheriff's return.

Served a certified copy of the within summons on William Haynes, personally, in the parish of Caddo, May 30th, 1878.

(Signed) R. C. SIMS,
D'y Sh'ff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 1st, 1878. (Signed.) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To R. W. VANCE.

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish

and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and from term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit in open court, on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, executrix. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k Dist. Court.

Sheriff's return.

On the 31st day of May, 1878, I served a certified copy of the
34 within summons on R. W. Vance, by handing same to A. R. Thompson, who resided at the domicile of R. W. Vance, he being temporarily absent from said domicile, in Bossier Parish, 24 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k. dist. c't.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To B. B. MATTLOCK.

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear, in your proper person, in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and from term, to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit, in open court, on docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, executrix. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

Sheriff's return.

On the 1st day of June, A. D. 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on B. B. Mattlock, by sending same to his domicile. He having a good many cases of small pox on his farm at the time, I did not make personal service.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878.) (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dist. court.

35 STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To THOMAS SMITH:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, in said parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and from term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above entitled suit in open court on the docket of said court on part of S. E. Vance, executrix. Herein fail not under the penalty of the law.

Witness the honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH, *D'y C'k.*

Sheriff's return.

On the 31st day of May, 1878, I served a certified copy of within summons on Thomas Smith, by leaving same at his place of residence in Caddo Parish with Mr. Daw, residing on said domicile, Smith being temporarily absent from said domicile, 26 miles from Bellevue.

(Signed) CHS. A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k. d. c.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To W. C. VANCE:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby sum-
36 monsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and from term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit in open court on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, executrix. Herein fail not under the penalty of the law.

Witness the honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k Dist. Court.

Sheriff's return.

On the 1st day of June, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on W. C. Vance in person, at his domicile in Bossier Parish, 20 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CHS. A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To W. J. FISH:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and from term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above entitled suit in open court on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, executrix. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Cl'k Dist. Court.

37 *Sheriff's return.*

On the 31st day of May, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on W. J. Fish in person, at his domicile in Bossier Parish, 17 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CHAS. A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) James Smith, d'y c'k di. c't.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To J. W. ARNOLD:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said State

and parish, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and from term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above entitled suit in open court on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, ex't'x. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k Dist. Court.

Sheriff's return.

On the 1st day of June, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on J. M. Arnold, by handing same to his wife, over 14 years of age, and residing at the domicile of J. M. Arnold, he being temporarily absent from his domicile in Bossier Parish, 24 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sh'ff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dist. court.

38 THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To H. W. OGDEN:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby summoned to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above entitled suit in open court on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, ex'tr'x. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k Dist. Court.

Sheriff's return.

On the 1st day of June, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on H. W. Ogden in person, at his domicile in Bossier Parish, 18 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y cl'rk d. c.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To W. C. VANCE:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby summoned to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to
39 day and from term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit in open court, on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance et al. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k Dist. C't.

Sheriff's return.

On the 1st day of June, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on W. C. Vance in person, at his domicile in Bossier Parish, 20 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dis. c't.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To JOSEPH VANCE;

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said State and parish, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify in the above entitled suit in open court on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance et al. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Clerk Dist. Court.

40 *Seriff's return.*

On the 31st day of May, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on Joseph Vance in person, at his domicile in Bossier Parish, 26 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dist. court.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To R. Y. GRAVES:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above entitled suit in open court on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance et al. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Cl'k D. C.

Sheriff's return.

On the 31st day of May, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on R. Y. Graves in person, at her domicile in Bossier Parish, La., 24 miles from Bellevue.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y clerk dist. court.

41 THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To R. C. STINSON:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and

State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit in open court, on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance et al. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k Dist. Court.

Sheriff's return.

On the 1st day of June, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on R. C. Stinson in person, at his domicile, in Bossier Parish, La., 24 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
Dep'ty Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y cl'k dist. c't.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To C. MCCLANAGHAN:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said State and parish, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, & from day to day
42 and term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit in open court, on the docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, ex't'x. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k Dist. Court.

Sheriff's return.

On the 1st day of June, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on C. McClanaghan in person, at his place of business, in the parish of Bossier, 24 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To T. M. GILMER:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and from term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the abové-entitled suit in open court, on the docket of said court, on the part of Vance's executrix and intervenors. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Clerk Dist. Court.

43 *Sheriff's return.*

On the 1st day of June, A. D. 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on T. M. Gilmer in person, at his domicile, in the parish of Bossier, La., 22 miles from Bellevue.

(Signed) J. B. O'NEAL, *Sheriff.*

(Endorsed:) Filed June 8th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dist. *c'k.*

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, prrish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To RUFUS G. GRAVES:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 3d Monday, 21st day, of October, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above entitled suit in open court, on docket of said court, on part of Vance's ex'tr'x and intervenors. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 23d day of September, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k Dist. Court.

Sheriff's return.

On the 18th day of October, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on R. G. Graves, by handing same to a young man over 14 years of age, and residing at the domicil of said Graves, he being temporarily absent from same, in Bossier Parish, 22 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 19th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

44 THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To A. C. STRAIN:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 3d Monday, the 21st day, of October, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above entitled suit, in open court, on docket of said court, on part of Vance's executrix and intervenors. Herein fail not under a penalty of the law.

Witnesss the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 23d day of September, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Clerk, Dist. Court.

Sheriff's return.

On the 18th day of October, A. D. 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on A. C. Strain in person, at his domicile, in the parish of Bossier, 16 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 19th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y clerk dist. court.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE & HUSBAND
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To J. A. HERRON:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summoned to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said

45 parish & State, on the third Monday, 21st, day of October, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above entitled suit in open court, on docket of said court, on the part of S. W. Vance's succ'n and intervenors. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 21st day of Oct., A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

Sh'ff's return.

On the 21st day of October, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on J. A. Herron in person, at his domicile, in Bossier Parish, La., 22 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 21st, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dist. c't.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE & HUSBAND
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To CHAS. W. ARNOLD:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 3d Monday, the 21st October, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit on docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, executrix, and intervenors. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 23d day of September, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Clerk District Court.

46 *Sh'ff's return.*

On the 10th of October, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on Ch's W. Arnold in person, at his domicile, in Bossier Parish, La., 6 miles from Bellevue.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 19, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k di't c't.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To R. C. CUMMINGS:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summoneds to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1878, and from day to day and term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit on docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, ex't'x, & intervenors. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 23d day of September, 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Clerk Dist. Court.

Sh'ff's return.

On the 11th day of October, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on R. C. Cummings in person, at his domicile, in Bossier Parish, 26 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 19th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d't c't.

47 STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To W. M. BURNS:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1878, and from day to day & term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit on docket of said court, on part of S. E. Vance, ex't'x, and intervenors. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 23d day of September, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y. Cl'k Dist. C't.

Sh'ff's return.

On the 21st day of October, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on W. M. Burns in person, at his domicile, in Bossier Parish, La., 13 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
Dept'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 21st, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX, } No. 15.

To G. W. SENTELL:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, on the instanter, and from day to day and term to
48 term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit on the docket of said court, on part of executrix. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this the 22d day of Oct., A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k Dist. Court.

Sh'ff's return.

On the 23d day of October, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on G. W. Sentell, by handing same to Sam. Sentell, over 14 years of age and residing at the domicile of said G. W. Sentell, he being temporarily absent from said domicile, in Bossier Parish, 22 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX.
D'y Sh'ff.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 23d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d't c't.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To Mrs. M. G. KENNEDY:

In the name of the State of Louisiana you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and

State, on instanter, & from day to day and term to term until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above-entitled suit on the docket of said court, on part of executrix. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 22d day of October, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Clerk Dist. Court.

49 *Sh'ff's return.*

On the 22d day of October, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on Mrs. M. G. Kennedy in person, at her domicile in the parish of Bossier, La., 8 miles from Bellevue.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sh'ff.

(Endorsed:) Filed October 23d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y clerk d. c.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15.

To PEACHY R. GILMER:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, you are hereby summonsed to be and appear in your proper person in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, "instanter," and from day to day and term to term, until discharged by the court, to testify as a witness in the above entitled suit on the docket of said court, on part of ex't'x. Herein fail not under penalty of the law.

Witness the Hon. B. F. Foot, judge of said court, this 22d day of October, 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k, D. C.

Sh'ff's return.

On the 22d day of October, 1878, I served a certified copy of the within summons on Peachy R. Gilmer in person, at his domicile in Bossier Parish, La., 26 miles from Bellevue, La.

(Signed) CH'S A. DEVEREUX,
D'y Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed October 23d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y clerk dist. court.

Extracts from minutes.

Bossier parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15. Probate docket.

50 SEPTEMBER 3d, 1878.—Amended opposition filed on part of S. E. Vance et al., counsel for S. E. Vance, executrix, and intervenors, being in open court, take cognizance of the amended opposition. Case continued on application of S. E. Vance, ex't'x, on ground of sickness and physical inability of her attorney, J. A. Snider, as on affidavit of said attorney.

Amended opposition, see T, pages 20 & 21.

Agreement of counsel.

S. E. VANCE & HUSBAND
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX. } No. 15. Probate docket. Parish of Bossier.

It is agreed by counsel of all parties to this cause that it may be continued for trial until the third Monday of October.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR,
Att'ys for S. E. Vance & Husb'd.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for Executrix.

(Signed) J. D. WATKINS,
Att'y for Intervenor.

(Endorsed:) Filed September 3d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dis. court.

Petition for an order to appoint special commissioner.

(Ought to be on page 21 of this transcript.)

To the hon. Parish Judge of Bossier, La.:

The petition of S. E. Vance, ex't'x of S. W. Vance, deceased, respectfully shews that in the matter of opposition filed by S. E. Vance and S. J. Ziegler to account of petitioner, No. 15 of probate docket of your
51 court, an order was granted to petitioner in open court at June term, 1878, to take testimony in and out of the State under commission. Petitioner further shows that she desires to take the testimony of various witnesses resident of the city of Montgomery, State of Alabama, in said case, and that the appointment of a special commissioner is necessary, and that George W. Townsend, esq'r, of Montgomery, Alabama is a proper person to act as special commissioner to take said testimony. Wherefore petitioner prays for an order appointing said George W. Townsend, esq'r, as special commissioner at Montgomery, Alabama, to take depositions of all witnesses resident there whose names appear in petitioner's petition for

continuance, of said case, filed at June term of your honorable court upon such interrogatories and cross-interrogatories and shall be filed, and that return day of commission or commissions to be issued to special commissioner shall be fixed by your honor; and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for Petitioner.

Upon considering foregoing petition, it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted. That George W. Townsend, esq'r of Montgomery, Alabama, be appointed special commissioner as prayed for, and that the return day of commission or commissions issued to him be filed for Monday, September, the 2d, 1878. Done and signed officially this the 5th day of July, 1878, in chambers.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Rossier parish judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed July 5th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y cl'k dist. court.

52 *Extract from minutes.*

Bossier parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'T'X, G. W. SENTELL & Co. Intervenors. } No. 15. Probate docket.

OCT. 21st, 1878.—Case call for trial, and by consent of parties case continued over till to-morrow, Oct. 22d, 1878. Motion by intervenors & executrix for opponent to elect between claiming rents and hire and proceeds of plantations filed. Motion overruled.

Motion to elect.

Bossier parish court.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EX'T'X. } No. 15. Probate docket.

Now comes executrix and George W. Sentell & Co., intervenors herein, and shows that in the opposition and amended opposition filed to the accounts they claim rents of lands, hire of slaves, also the cotton, and proceeds of crops raised by labor and use of same land during same time, as hire and rents claimed. They pray that opponents be compelled to elect between said contradictory claims, and to declare whether they will rely on their claims for proceeds of the crops, alone, or on their claim for hire and rent.

(Signed) J. D. WATKINS, *Att'y for Intervenors.*
J. A. SNIDER, " " *Ex'tr'x.*

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 22d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k. dis. c't.

53 *Evidence. October 22d*, 1878.

Bossier parish court.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EX'T'X, GEO. W. SENTELL & Co., int'rs. } No. 15. Probate docket.

Evidence on part of executrix

Answer and account of executrix in this suit filed in evidence and marked A. (See pages T, 9 to 14, acts annexed to answer T.)

Petition.

District court, parish of Bossier.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR SARAH E. VANCE.

To the hon. the judge of the 10th judicial district court:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that he herewith files in court his first amended answer as natural tutor to his minor child, Sarah E. Vance, to her separate interest, after the partition of property between herself and brother, J. B. G. Vance, dec'd. Your petitioner prays that after the legal notices, delays, &c., the said account be affirmed, homologated, and made judgment of the court. He prays that P. R. Gilmer, under tutor to said minor, be duly notified of the filing of this account, and he prays for all further rules, notices, orders, and decrees needful in the premises, and for general relief.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.
Natural Tutor.

I have examined this account and the accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct and fully approve the same, and waive notice of the filing of same.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

54 1st annual account:

Sarah E. Vance, minor, in account with S. W. Vance, natural tutor.

Names of creditors on this account.

1. John C. Vance	$1,200 00
2. A. Jones	150 00
3. N. A. Hyer	47 33
4. E. L. Dennis	50 00
5. Miss Lizzie Doles	83 00
6. Wm. Whitney	110 00
7. E. L. Dennis	1 00
8. G. B. Sligh	21 28

9.	A. L. Chapman	1,229 00
10.	A. L. Chapman	950 00
11.	R. T. Stinson	126 00
12.	Dr. C. F. Philson	180 00
13.	P. V. O'Neil	280 00
14.	A. L. Chapman	90 40
15.	Dr. J. W. Vance	957 00
16.	James T. Roach	706 00
17.	S. W. Vance, moneys freedmen, 1865	717 50
18.	W. T. Tiller	102 73
19.	Estate Henry Marshall	505 40
20.	Dr. C. F. Philson	150 00
21.	John Pearce (freedman)	25 00
22.	Horan & Looney	32 50
23.	Collins & Cole	66 00
24.	Walsh & Boisseau	158 00
25.	Freedmen laborers, Buck Hall, paid in 1866	$6,799 83
		$10,229 84
55	26. Freight boat Independence	$8 05
	27. John Pearce (freedman)	26 00
28.	H. W. Farley & Co.	914 58
29.	Do.	1,124 80
30.	Do.	918 83
31.	W. H. Hill, sheriff	388 07
32.	J. W. Bickham	1 70
33.	Walsh & Boisseau	17 50
34.	H. M. Underwood	144 05
35.	Do.	276 93
36.	Invoice H. W. Farley & Co.	138 47
37.	John Pearce (freedman)	87 50
38.	McClanaghan & Co.	1 45
39.	Walsh & Boisseau	223 64
40.	Daniel Cook (freedman)	18 50
41.	A. Winters	104 04
42.	L. Horrigan	21 00
43.	Invoice Jas. D. Blair & Co.	494 16
44.	Horan & Looney	24 75
45.	A. L. Chapman	1,250 00
46.	Miss Laura Hunter	225 00
47.	Freight boat Starlight	16 00
48.	Paid freedmen 1st Jan. to 1st April, 1867	1,591 56
49.	Invoice H. W. Farley & Co.	1,767 40
50.	" Jas. D. Blair & Co.	1,145 80
51.	Freight bill, Independence	88 50
52.	Invoice H. W. Farley & Co.	501 04
53.	" Seutell & Prather	95 23
54.	" H. W. Farley & Co.	667 69
55.	" Jas. D. Blair Co.	1,867 36
56.	" Seutell & Prather	269 47
57.	Freight on same	100 00

	Carried forward.....	
56	58. Invoice Starke, Staffner & Co.....	$10 00
	59. Walsh & Boisseau.....	44 50
60.	John J. Hope, sh'ff C. P.....	2 25
61.	Freight Starlight.....	112 50
62.	Invoice H. W. Farley & Co.....	667 84
63.	" "	716 98
64.	" "	2,176 24
65.	" "	39 85
66.	A. L. Chapman.....	1,000 00
67.	W. H. Hill, sheriff, taxes.....	225 45
68.	Paid freedmen 1st of April to 1st July, 1867.....	1,483 77
69.	Blacksmith % 1866, B. H.....	416 29
70.	Freight, Louis, D. O. W.....	62 50
71.	Invoice H. W. Farley & Co.....	753 05
72.	John C. Vance (for corn).....	1,025 30
73.	John C. Eltoner.....	15 00
74.	Invoice of H. W. Farley & Co.....	378 94
75.	W. J. Sullivan, taxes.....	1 70
76.	John Pearce (freedman).....	20 00
77.	T. B. Jordan, seed-corn.....	300 00
78.	S. W. Vance, lumber bill.....	469 88
79.	Blacksmith's % 1867, S. W. V.....	391 28½
80.	Plaindealing saw-mill % 1867.....	382 59
81.	J. S. Valentine (seed-corn 1868).....	186 00
82.	Freight bill (Star National).....	78 00
83.	H. W. Farley & Co.....	3,554 23
84.	Tax receipt.....	2 85
85.	Culph & Conway.....	42 00
86.	Miss Laura Hunter.....	224 00
87.	" " "	200 00
88.	Am't paid freedmen from 1st July to 25' Dec., 1867....	1,868 80
	Total.....	$45,801 44

57 CREDITS.

By 42 b. c. sold to H. A. Goodlett, crop of 1865.....		$7,734 12
" 68 " " by Seutell & Prather, " " 1866		
" 30 " " to Walsh & Boisseau, " " "	.....	$12,682 86
" 25 " " " " " " " " "		
Total crop of 1865 & 1866, 165 b. c.....		$20,416 98
Less tutor's commission.....		$2,041 69
		$18,375 29
By amount of cotton inventoried in succession of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'.....		8,796 09
By amount of cotton inventoried in succession of G. E. Gilmore, dec'd.....		2,136 90
By am't note P. R. Gilmer, dec'd, in Ala.....		2,314 50
" " 42 b. c., crop of 1867, sold by H. W. Farley & Co..		3,546 93

Rent of Plaindealing plantation, year 1867, 200 acres @ 2.00..	400 00
By am't in voucher No. 83 already charged in voucher 71..	753 05
By am't in error, voucher No. 64.....	2,176 24
Total amount of credits.....	$38,499 00

This amount of thirty-eight thousand four hundred and ninety-nine dollars as a credit on account of minor Sarah E. Vance.

The sum of forty-five thousand eight hundred and ten $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars due by said minor Sarah E. Vance to tutor S. W. Vance.

Debits.....	$45,810 44
Credits.....	$38,499 00
Amount due tutor.....	$7,311 44

Leaving a balance due tutor to the 18th of April, 1868, in the
58 sum of seven thousand three hundred and eleven and $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars, after supplying the Buck Hall plantation with what I believe a sufficiency for making the present crop of 1868, and which supplies are included in this account.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor to Sarah E. Vance.

VOUCHERS.

1. Received from S. W. Vance, tutor, twelve hundred dollars, for six mules, bought for Sarah E. Vance and placed on the Buck Hall plantation this 12th day of February, 1866.

(Signed) JOHN C. VANCE.

FEBRUARY 10TH, 1866.

2. Rec'd of S. W. Vance, tutor, the sum of one hundred and fifty-five dollars, for guarding cotton and plantation at Buck Hall from 1st Decem', 1865, to 10th February, 1866.

(Signed) A. JONES.

3. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

No. 359. Receipt for direct tax..... $47 33

This is to certify that S. W. Vance has this day paid to the undersigned the sum of forty-seven dollars and 33 cents, that being the amount in full for taxes, penalty, interest, and cost charged under the act of Congress entitled "An act for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary districts in the United States, and for other purposes," approved June 7th, 1862, upon the following tracts or lots of lands situate in the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and described as follows: 2,673.73 acres; val., $30,450.00; tax, 45.07, in full to April 1st, 1865.

Witness our hands at New Orleans this 27th day of January, A. D. 1866.

(Signed) N. A. HYER, (Col.,)
For Commissioner of Direct Taxes for Louisiana.

59 4. Rec'ed from S. W. Vance fifty dollars in full for services rendered him as provost marshal/ for this parish of Bossier, August 18th, 1865.

(Signed) E. S. DENNIS.

5. Rec'ed 13th of February, 1865, from S. W. Vance, tutor to Sarah E. Vance, eighty-three $\frac{32}{100}$ dollars for tuition to said minor from 1st September, 1864, to 1st February, 1865.

(Signed) LIZZIE DOLES.

6. Mr. S. W. Vance, tutor, bought of Wm. Whitney:

20 sacks salt, @ 5.50 per sack..... $110 00

Rec'ed payment in full, Shreveport, La., Aug. 25th, 1865.

(Signed) WM. WHITTY.
P'r PROUD.

7. Buck Hall Plantation,
Parish, State of Louisiana:

Mr. S. W. Vance, planter, to the Freedman's Bureau, Dr.

For blanks furnished during the year 1865..... $1 00

Received payment W. B. Stickney, lieut. & ass't sup'r' freedmen.

(Signed) E. S. DENNIS,
Provost Marshall.

8. 1863. S. W. Vance, Dr. to George B. Sligh:

Aug. 26.	To 464 feet inch , @ 2.00, 464.....	9 28
1865, July 1st,	1,200 feet r. edge, 1.00.....	12 00
		$21 28

Rec'ed payment Dec. 14th, '65.

(Signed) G. B. SLIGH.

9. $500.] Bossier Parish, La.,
January 22*d*, 1866.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance, tutor to Sarah E. Vance, the sum of five hundred dollars, in part pay for my services on the Buck Hall plantation as overseer from 1st January, 1864, to 1st January, 1865.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

"$729.00.] Bossier Parish, La.,
January 22*d*, 1866.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance, tutor, the sum of seven hundred & twenty-nine dollars, as a balance, and in full for services rendered as
60 overseer on the Buck Hall plantation from 1st January, 1864, to 1st January, 1865.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

10th. $950.00.] Bossier Parish, La.,
January 22*d*, 1866.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance, tutor, the sum of nine hundred and fifty

dollars, in full payment for services rendered on the Buck Hall plantation as overseer from January 1st, 1865, to January 1st, 1866.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

"$950.00.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., 22*d January*, 1866.

Due A. L. Chapman the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars, being amount due him for services rendered on the Buck Hall plantation from 1st Jan., 1865, to 1st January, 1866, this 22d day of January, 1866.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor Sarah E. Vance.

S. W. Vance, tutor, Dr., to R. T. Stinson, Dr.

11. Aug. 27th, 1863.			
"	3,000 feet of sheeting	22	50
July 12th, 1864.	1,260 feet inch plank	18	90
	880 " " "	13	20
	864 " rough edge	6	48
	720 " " "	5	40
	3,990 " for flat	59	85
		$126	33

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance one hundred & twenty-six and $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars, in full of the within amount.

(Signed) R. C. STINSON.

Charge to Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor to Sarah E. Vance.

12. 1861. Benton, La., December 29th, 1865.

Dr. S. W. Vance to C. F. Philson, Dr.

Jan. 22d.	Visit to Ann	6	50
23.	" " "	6	50
May 28.	Visit to little Sal	6	50
June 12.	" " big Jeff	6	50
	Amount carried forward	26	00
61	Amount brought forward	26	00
July	23. Visit to Dick	6	50
"	24. " " "	6	50
"	28. " " Carpenter, Frank	6	50
"	29. " " " "	6	50
"	30. " " " "	6	50
Aug.	4. " " June	6	50
"	5. " " "	6	50
"	16. " " Little John	6	50
"	27. Attention to Lavinia in labor	25	00

Sept. 6th.	" " " "		6 50
" 7.	" " " "		6 50
" 8.	" " " "		6 50
Dec. 23.	Visit to Elizabeth		6 50
1865.			
Nov. 26.	Visit to Miles		9 75
			138 75
Interest for four years, @ 8%			41 28
			180 03

Rec'd from S. W. Vance, tutor, the sum of one hundred & eighty dollars, in full of the above account, this January 26th, 1866.

(Signed) DR. C. F. PHILSON.

S. W. Vance to P. V. O'Neil, Dr.

13th. 1864.

Jan. 1st.	To laying 8 plows, @ 1.50		12 00
	" shaping 1 plow		37½
	" ironing 4 prs. hames, @ 75c		3 00
	" repairing 2 prs. traces, 50c		1 00
	" mending clevis, 25		25
	" making 4 lap rings, 50c		2 00
	" " 4 prs. staples, 15c		60
" 16.	" laying 11 plows, 1.50		16 50
	" sharpening 4 shovels, 25c		1 00
	" cutting 12 screws, 15c.		1 80
	" making 8 pr. staples, 15		1 20
62 Jan'y, 1864.			
	" 16th. to shaping 2 mill wink, 25		50
Feb. 15th.	" making 4 spindles, 75c		3 00
Mch. 6th.	" " 3 buckets, 75c		2 25
" "	" laying 8 plows, 1.50		12 00
" "	" repairing chains		3 00
" "	" 2 new links in log chain, 50c		1 00
" 14.	" laying 7 plows, @ 1.50		10 50
" "	" repairing traces		3 50
" "	" mending log chain		1 00
" "	" repairing stretchers		3 00
" "	" cutting 6 head-bolts, 20c		1 20
" "	" making 12 prs. staples, 15c		1 80
" "	" mending & repairing 3 prs. trace chains		1 50
" "	" ironing 8 double-trees, 75c.		6 00
" "	" 12 single " 75c		12 00
" 20	" laying 15 plows, @ 1.50		22 50
" "	" pointing 5 " @ 50c		2 50
" "	" sharpening 3 " @ 37½		1 12½
" "	" repairing 12 screws, @ 20c		2 40
" "	" making 2 clips to d trees, 50c		1 00
" 12	" repairing wagon		10 00

"	28	" " "	2	50
"	29.	" " "	3	50
Apr.	20.	" shaping 8 plows, 37½	3	00
"	"	" pointing 1 "		50
"	"	" making 2 clevises	2	00
"	"	" mending 2 " 50c	1	00
"	28.	" laying 7 plows	10	50
"	"	" shaping 4 " @ 37½	1	50
May	3.	" " 2 " @ 37½		75
June	3.	" pointing 4 " @ 50c	2	00
	"	7. " sharpening 3 " @ 37½	1	12½
63	1864.	June 13. To repairing wagon & laying axle	25	00
	"	" 20. " sharpening 24 plows, 37½	9	00
"	Aug.	8. " repairing corn sheller	12	00
"	"	" " filling buggy wheel	12	00
"	Sept.	10. " repairing wagon	22	00
"	Oct.	15th. " " "	12	00
"	"	25th. " making 4 spindles, 75c	3	00
"	Nov.	26th. Making hounds & bolster	5	00
"	Dec.	10. " spindle		75
	1865.			
Jan.	1st.	To laying 12 plows, 1.50	18	00
"	"	" mending traces	2	00
"	"	" repairing wagon	10	00
Feb.	15th.	" laying 6 plows, 1.00	6	00
"	"	" " 3 "	4	50
"	"	" ironing d. tree		75
"	"	" making 2 lap rings, 50c	1	00
"	18.	" " 2 loom irons	6	00
"	"	" ironing d. tree		75
"	"	" making 6 flue bolts	1	50
Mch.	17.	" laying 14 plows, 1.50	21	00
"	"	" 3 plow rods, 50c	1	50
June	3d.	" making 2 corn cutters	6	00
"	"	" shaping 4 cotton scrapes @ 37½	1	50½
"	"	" " 3 plows "	1	12½
"	"	" making 6 bolts, 37½	2	25
"	"	" cutting 2 " 25c		50
"	"	" " 2 rods, 25c		50
"	10.	" shaping 22 plows, 37½	8	25
"	"	" pointing 2 " 50c	1	00
"	"	" shoeing horse, (Chapman)	2	00
July	3.	" pr. shoes on mule	1	00
"	2.	" shaping 10 scrapers, 37½	3	75
			$371	14
64		Amount brought forward	371	14
	Oct.	3d, 1865. To making 2 cooking irons, 75c	1	50
	"	" " repairing hames		50
	"	" " " bre'st chains		50
			$373	64

Rece'd two hundred & eighty dollars in full of the above amount of the years 1864 & 1865, by drafts on Messrs. James D. Blair & Co., commission merchants, New Orleans, La., April 28th, 1866.

(Signed) P. V. O'NEIL.

14th. Rece'd from S. W. Vance, the sum of ninety & $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars, which is the full amount due me on the Buck Hall plantation to date, April 14th, 1866.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

15. $957.00.] BUCK HALL PLANTATION, *April 4th*, 1866.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance, the sum of nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars, being due for nine hundred and fifty-seven bushels of corn purchased from him in the spring of 1866, by drafts on James D. Blair & Co., New Orleans.

(Signed) J. W. VANCE.

16. $706.10.] Received from S. W. Vance, the sum of seven hundred and six $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars for corn purchased for the Buck Hall plantation in July, 1866.

(Signed) JAS. T. ROACH.

17. BUCK HALL PLANTATION, *January 1st*, 1866.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance, my employer for the past year, from the time of being freed to the present time. Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold for thirty bushels of corn due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) GILES his + mark. HINCKLE.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

65 17. Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) ISAAC his + mark. WILKINS.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) JAMES his + mark. SMITH.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) FRANK his + mark. WADD.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) ANDERSON his + mark. WELT.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) RUBIN his + mark. RUCKER.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) JULY his + mark. LATSON.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) EBIN his + mark. CAMPON.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) CYRUS his + mark. SMITH.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) ROB'T his + mark. CLARKE.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) JUDAH his + mark. SEWARD.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services during the year 1865.

(Signed) SOLOMON his + mark. WILLIS.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

66 M'ch 17th. Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) CHARLES his + mark. LAMPKINS.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

" Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) HENRY his + mark. HARRISON.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) ROBERT his + mark. JENKINS.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) BEN. his + mark. LANSON.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) STEVEN his + mark. LANSON.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) RICHARD his + mark. HENDERSON.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services during the year 1865.

(Signed) GRANVILÆ his + mark. SAVANAH.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) JEFF. his + mark. WATSON.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) CHARLY his + mark BRADY.

Attest: A. J. HAYNES.

Rece'd fifteen dollars in gold, for thirty bushels of corn, due me for my services for the year 1865.

(Signed) his PEACHY + WILLIS. mark.

Attest: J. A. HAYNES.

The following amounts were paid to us for our good conduct and for extra work done on the plantation in December, for which
67 there was no obligation on the part of our employer:

Washington Dudley received $22.50 in currency for thirty bushels of corn.

her
Marin + Dudley, seven dollars..... 7 00
mark.
her
Ellen + Wilkins, twelve dollars..... 12 00
mark.
his
Betsy + Rucker, six dollars..... 6 00
mark.
her
Louisa + Rudley, seven dollars..... 7 00
mark.
his
Rosseta + Harrison, twenty dollars..... 20 00
mark.
her
Rebecca + Wells, thirteen dollars..... 13 00
mark.
her
Patsy + Clarke, twelve dollars..... 12 00
mark.
her
Celia + Dudley.....
mark.
her
Emeline + Himkle, fifteen dollars..... 15 00
mark.
her
Margaret + Brooks, six dollars..... 6 00
mark.
her
Sylvia + Rudley, six dollars..... 6 00
mark.
her
Celia + Kelly, fifteen dollars..... 15 00
mark.
her
Catherine + McKrus, eight dollars..... 8 00
mark.
his
Francis + Stewart, seven dollars..... 7 00
mark.
her
Vinie + Henderson, ten dollars..... 10 00
mark.
her
Emily + Ward, thirteen dollars..... 13 00
mark.

Araminta her + mark. Williams, five dollars..... 5 00

Fanny her + mark. Latson, five dollars..... 5 00

Dolly her + mark. Vance, chick' & eggs, 5.00, five dollars..... 10 00

Rachael her + mark. Lanson, fifteen dollars..... 15 00

Attest:
(Signed) T. J. VANCE.

18. *S. W. Vance to W. T. Tiller, Dr.*

1865.

Dec.	15th.	To	48 ft.	scantling, 3 6 16, @ 2 #.....	96
"	"	"	121 "	" 3 6 14, @ 2 #.....	2 42
"	"	"	420 "	joist, 3 6 14, @ 2 #.....	8 40
"	21	"	480 "	sleeper, 3 6 14, @ 2 #.....	9 60
"	"	"	146 "	scantling 5 7 10, @ 2 #.....	2 92
"	30	"	600 "	" 3 4 10, @ 2 #.....	12 00
"	"	"	420 "	weatherboarding, $\frac{2}{4}$ 6 14, @ 2 #.....	8 40
"	"	"	195 "	plank, 1 12 13, 2 #.....	3 90

68 1865.

Dec'm.	31st.	To	240	feet scantling, 3 4 16, @ 2 #.....	4 80
"	"	"	450 "	weatherbo'd'g, $\frac{3}{4}$ 6 18, @ 2 #.....	9 00

1869.

January	9th.	"	659 "	flooring, $\frac{1}{4}$ 6 18, @ 2 #.....	13 18
"	12	"	832½ "	" , $1\frac{1}{4}$ 6 18, @ 2 #.....	16 65
"	20	"	525 "	ceiling, 1 7 18, @ 2 #.....	10 50
				Total.....	$102 73

Rece'd payment in full of above % May 23d, 1866.
(Signed) W. T. TILLER.

19. *Memorandum for Dr. Vance.*

Mule	Nancy	to	S. W. Vance.....	110 00
"	Milly	"	"	106 00
"	Pat	"	"	65 00
"	Sally	"	"	80 00

Paid by order on Walsh & Boisseau, handed John J. Marshall Dec. 5th, 1866.
(Sig'd) GEO. WILLIAMSON, *Att'y.*

The above is a receipt for mules bought at sale of Col. Henry Marshall for Sarah E. Vance for $361.00 in gold, at 1.40, making $505.40 in currency.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

20. $150.00.] BUCK HALL, *January* 21*st*, 1867.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars for the hire of negroe woman Catherine on the Buck Hall plantation, in the years 1862, '3, & '4.

(Signed) C. F. PHILSON.

21. $25.00.] BUCK HALL, *January* 28*th*, 1867.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty-five dollars for whetting a mill on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) JOHN PEARCE.

22. SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, *January* 16*th*, 1866.

Doctor Vance bought of Horan & Looney, manufacturers in every description of saddlery, harness, trunks, carpet-bags, whips, &c., &c.,
69 No. 14 Levee street:

To 1 doz. blind bridles	15 00
" 1 " prs. trace-chains	15 00
" 1 pr. pole straps	2 50
	32 50

Rece'd payment,

(Signed) HORAN & LOONEY.

23. SHREVEPORT, LA., *January* 19*th*, 1867.

Dr. W. Vance to Collins & Cole, Dr.

26 prs. half rolling blinds	66 00

Rece'd payment,

(Signed) COLLINS & COLE.

24. SHREVEPORT, LA., *January* 23*d*, 1867.

Mr. S. W. Vance bought of Walsh & Boisseau:

2 bbls. cement, @ 6.00	12 00
41½ galls. whiskey, @ 2.50	103 75
25 # asstd. nails, 1*s*	3 13
2 caddys tobacco, 40 @ 8*s*	40 00
	$158 88

Final settlement between S. W. Vance, employer, and the freedmen on the Buck Hall plantation for the year 1866, *commencing Jan.* 1*st, ending Dec'm.* 31*st.*

Names.	No. days work.	No. days lost.	Amount due in full.	Amount paid in cash.	Store account.	Balance acc't.	Remarks.
Waboil Gilmer	290½ days, @ 57½ c.	.....	$167 04	$106 55	122 11	$216 80	P'd.
Sarah Gilmer	321 " 33⅓ c.	.....	107 00	.....	.....	.....	P'd.
Royal Gilmer	347 " 26⅓ c.	.....	91 95	.....	.....	.....	P'd.
Miles Gilmer	298½ " 16⅔ c.	.....	49 17	.....	.....	.....	P'd.
Muney Gilmer	202 " 15⅔ c.	.....	30 30	.....	.....	.....	P'd.
Giyom Johnson	29½ " 38 c.	.....	11 21	.....	.....	11 21	P'd.
Nick Johnson	41 " 57½ c.	.....	23 57	.....	.....	23 57	P'd.
John Johnson	44 " @ 57½ c.	.....	25 30	.....	.....	25 30	P'd.
Cuny Johnson	36½ " @ 57½ c.	.....	20 98¾	*10 00	17 00	3 98¾	P'd.
Sarah Bunham	21½ " @ 50	.....	10 75	.....	17 94	.....	P'd.
Rachel Lanson	20 " @ 50	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	P'd.
Jennette Prunes	103½ " @ 23	.....	23 85	.....	.....	23 85	Paid.
		.....	571 12¼	116 55	157 05	314 73	

* In coin.

70, 71 *Final statement between the employer, S. W. Vance, and freedmen on the Buck Hall plantation for the year* 1866, *commencing January* 1*st and ending December the* 31*st.*

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Names.	No. days worked.	No. days lost.	Am't due in full.	Am't paid in cash.	Store %.	Balance due.	
Robt. Clarke	282½ d's, @ 57½ p'r d.	18½ d's, @ 57½ c.	162 42		229 94	Paid.	
Patsy Clarke	183 " " 38½ "	95½ " " 38½ "	70 45	7 17		2 92	Paid.
Ebin Camper	254 " " 53 c. "	22½ " " 53 "	134 62		99 80	34 85	"
Cocser Connelly	228 " " 45 c. "	27 " " 46 "	105 11	{ Meal 1 50 Cash 15 40	{ 131 18		"
Wash Dudley	287½ " " 57½ "	18 " " 57½ "	164 31		214 90	51 45	"
Maria Dudley	96 " " 30 c. "		28 80				"
Celia Dudley	288 " " 23 c. "		{ 66 24 a7 00 — 73 24				"
Joe Fleming	269 " " 57½ "	33½ " " 57½ "	154 37		150 00	59 71	"
Thos. Gates	292 " " 57½ "	9 " " 57½ "	167 90	13 15	54 42		"
Giles Hinckle	291½ " " " "	12 " " " "	167 61		194 42	69 24	"
Emeline Hinckle	242 " " 38½ "	54 " " 38½ "	93 17				"
Henry Harrison	269½ " " 57½ "	31 " " 57½ "	154 96	14 37	79 10	46 19	"
Richd. Henderson	357 " " 66⅔ "	6 " " 66⅔ "	238 00		247 11		"
Rosette Harrison	253½ " " 38½ "	45½ " " 38½ "	99 60	12 92			"
Vina Henderson							"
Primus Jones				{ Nov 24 $1 25 M'ch 575 00	{ 147 93		"
Seyamah Jones	250½ " " 50 c. "		125 00	10 00		115 25	"
Jim Jones	250½ " " 15 c. "	54 " " 15 "	37 57½	8 45		29 11	"
Welles Jones	255½ " " 19 "	48½ " " 19 "	48 54			48 54	"
Robt. Jenkins	239 " " 57½ "	66 " " 57½ "	137 42	15 00	126 08		"
John Kelser	194 " " 57½ "	31 " " 57½ "	111 55		131 85	42 84	"
Celia Kelser	164 " " 38 "	62 " " 38 "	63 14				"
Guey Fleming	184½ " " 30 "	52½ " " 30 "	55 35				"
Ben Lauson	27½ " " 35½ "	33 " " 38½ "	{ a20 00 c104 55	{ 10 00	{ 262 63		"
Thos. Lauson	269½ " " 38½ "	37½ " " 38½ "	103 76	10 00	50 50	43 20	"
Wing Lauson	123½ " " 23 "	25 " " 23 "	28 40½				"
Steve Lauson	272 " " 57½ "	20½ " " 57½ "	156 40	41 16	67 55	47 69	"
Hamp Lauson	272½ " " 15 c. "	35 " " 15 "	40 87½				"

Final statement between the employer, S. W. Vance, and freedmen on the Buck Hall plantation for the year 1866, *commencing January* 1*st and ending December* 31*st*—Continued.

Names.	No. days worked.	No. days lost.	Am't due in full.	Am't paid in cash.	Store ac.	Balance due.	
Chs. Lumpkins	294 " " 57½ "	13½ " " 57½ "	169 05	31 79	53 73	131 65	"
Patsy Lumpkins	261 " " 23 c. "	46 " " 23 "	60 03	11 96			"
			$3,076 46	386 01	2,107 69	822 71½	

a Extra. *b* Gray mare. *c* Ginning.

72, 73 *Final statement between the employer, S. W. Vance, and freedmen on the Buck Hall plantation for the year* 1866, *commencing January* 1*st and ending December* 31*st, same year.*

Names.	No. days worked.	No. days lost.	Am't due in full.	Am't paid in cash.	Store ac.	Bal. due.	
July Latson	228 d's, @ 54 c. p'r day	17½ d's, @ 54 c. p'r day	155 52	12 22	65 62	59 70	Paid.
Fannie Latson	123 " " 30 c. "	136 " @ 30 c. "	36 90				"
Russie Purner	283 " " 46½ "	19½ " " 46½ "	162 72	{ Oct 19 66 / April 21 93	34 40	86 73	"
Charly Purner	252 " " 11 c. "	55½ " " 11 "	27 72			27 72	"
Ruben Rucker	354½ " " 46½ "	7½ " " 46½ "	163 07		159 54	3 50	"
Betsy Rucker						7 27	"
Larse Rattlere	284 " " 30 c. "	21½ " " 30 "	85 20		118 93	78 98	"
Morgan Rattler	271½ " " 23 c. "	32 " " 23 "	62 44	7 00			"
Silvia Ratler	249 " " 23 "	46 " " 23 "	57 27				"
Charly Ratler	292½ "	13½					"
Vina Smith	193½ " " 27 "	51 " " 27 "	52 29		52 24		"
Jim Smith	273 " " 57½ "	34 " " 57½ "	157 26	4 27	84 15	68 84	"

Catherine Smith	256 " " 38½ "	43½ " " 38½ "	98 50	12 25		86 42	"	
Julius Stewart	266 " " 57½ "	29 " " 57½ "	152 95		144 85	8 10	"	
Franky Stewart	204 " " 30½ "		62 22			62 22	"	
Peach Willis	271 " " 42½ "		115 17	Dec. 28th.. 1 00 Oct..... 14 70 24 Dec..... 20 00 5 86 25 " 15 00	48 48	60 99	"	
Solomon Willis	286½ " " 57½ "		164 73		79 70	44 07	"	
Araminta Willis	165 " " 30 c. "		50 30		92 78		"	
Custan Williams	103 " " 15 c. "	Worked 58½ days from June to Sept. 8 77 15 45						
			24 22				"	
Stan Willis	191 " " 11 c. "		22 01			22 01	"	
Jeff Watson	289½ " " 46 "		133 17	5 00	91 45	36 72	"	
Anderson Watson	200 " " 57 "		115 00		165 31		"	
Rebecca Welt	200½ " " 37½ "		75 18			a28 47	"	
Isam Wilkins	277 " " 57½ "		159 20		206 80		"	
Ellen Wilkins	242¾ " " 37½ "		91 00			43 27	"	
Icam Goodler							"	
Genette Prunes								
Frank Ward								
Charity Johnson	37½ " @ 37½ "		14 08½			14 05	Am't due S. W. V. by H. & F. Gates $14.82.	
Harry Gates	276½ " " 57½ "		158 99	10 00	209 51			
Francis Gates	119 " " 30 c. "		35 70	$154 20 754 84	$1,549 76	$754 80		
			$2,224 14	$909 04				

a Due to A. & R. Welt.

74 Amount paid freedmen on Buck Hall plantation for the year 1866, in final settlement for services rendered..... $6,583 53
For corn, fodder, & hay purchased from freedmen for year 1866..... 216 30

$6,799 83

I hereby certify that the above amount was paid to freedmen on Buck Hall plantation in final settlement for the year 1866.
(Signed) T. J. VANCE.

26th. *Mr. S. W. Vance to str. Independence.*

BUCK HALL, LA., *Feb. 5th*, 1867.

To freight on 10 bbls. pork, @ 40c..... 4 00
" " " 25 sacks corn, 15c..... 4 05

(Paid.) 8 05

27. $26.00.] BUCK HALL PLANT., *Aug. 13th*, 1866.
Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty-six dollars, being for whetting the gin and fixing running gear on the Buck Hall plantation.
(Signed) JOHN JONES.

28. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley, & Co., Dr.*

To 9 rolls bagging, 900 yds., @ 32c..... 288 00
" 17 bdls. iron ties, 1,030 lbs, @ 12c..... 123 60
" 150 sacks corn, 18,730 or $334\frac{26}{56}$ bush., 1.38..... 461 51

$880 46
Insurance on $970, @ $1\frac{1}{4}$ %..... 12 12
Commissions, @ $2\frac{1}{2}$ %..... 22 00

$914 58

New Orleans, Nov. 21st, 1866.
Per str. Cuba.
Invoice, bagging, iron ties, corn, &c. Henry W. Farly & Co. S. W. Vance, tutor, for Sarah E. Vance.

75 29. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co., Dr.*

Marks: Seed-corn S. W. V.

Buck Hall. Pork. S. W. Vance.
White corn S. W. V., Buck Hall.

50 sacks w't seed corn,	$104\frac{46}{56}$ bus.,	1.20	125 79
45 " yellow " "	$100\frac{30}{56}$ "	"	120 64
100 " white " "	$221\frac{39}{56}$ "	$1.17\frac{1}{2}$	260 39
25 bbls. mess pork,	22.25.....	.....	556 25

Drayage to str.....	8 40
Insurance on $1,180 @ 2¼%.....	26 55
Commissions, @ 2½%	26 79
	$1,124 81

Care of Messrs. Walsh & Boisseau, Shreveport, La., p'r st'r Armadillis.
Corn & pork to S. W. Vance, tutor to Sarah E. Vance.

30. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co., Dr.*

Marked S. W. V. Carolina Landing, Red River.

250 sacks corn, 31,080 lb., 555 bush. @ 1.12	621 60
50 bbls. pork, $22½.....	1,125 00
Drayage to st'r.....	4 00
Insurance on 1,925 @ 2¼ %.....	43 31
Commissions @ 2½%.....	43 75
	$1,837 00

NEW ORLEANS, *January* 12*th*, 1867.

P'r st'r Elanora. One-half of this bill to be charged to S. E. Vance, and which was delivered and consumed on Buck Hall plantation, amounting to the sum of $918.83.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

31. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Feb.* 21*st*, 1867.

Rec'd of T. J. Vance, for S. E. Vance, minor, three hundred & eighty-eight & $\frac{07}{100}$ dollars, in full for State, school, internal improvements, parish, & special jail tax due by said S. E Vance for the year 1865.

(Signed) W. H. HILL,
Tax Collector.

76 32d. PARISH OF CADDO, *January* 1*st*, 1867.

Rec'd of S. E. Vance, S. W. Vance, tutor, one & $\frac{70}{100}$ dollars, in full for parish taxes for year 1865.

(Signed) D. W. BICKHAM,
Tax Collector.

33. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Oct.* 13*th*, 1866.

Bought of Walsh & Boisseau, by S. W. Vance, tutor, 1 pr. part, balance, 700 lbs., $17.50.

Rec'd payment in full.

(Signed) W. & B.

34. *S. W. Vance, tutor to H. M. Underwood, Dr.*

July	5th.	Inch plank, 20		feet	long.....	500	ft.
Aug.	6.	6 scantling 3 x 4 x 12		"	"	72	"
"	"	12 planks ¾ x 18 x 16		"	"	288	"
"	"	20 "	1 x 5 x 20	"	"	200	"
"	"	20 "	1 x 6 x 20.....			200	"

"	"	8 "	1¼ x 3 x 16 " "	38 "	
"	"	8 "	1 x 12 x 20 " "	160 "	
"	26.	Inch planks.....		1,000 "	
"	30.	Lumber.....		295 "	
"	"	Flooring.....		705 "	
Sept.	18.	To weatherboarding.....		720 "	
"	"	" inch plank.....		350 "	
"	"	" 2 p'c's 1¼ x 6 x 18 f't long.....		22 "	
"	"	" 4 " 4 x 6 x 10 " "		80 "	
"	"	" 10 " 2 x 4 x 13 " "		98 "	
"	"	" 2 " 4 x 6 x 13 " "		52 "	
"	"	" rough edge, 200 feet.....			3 00
"	22.	" 4 p'c's 2 x 3 x 10 " "		140 "	
"	"	" 4 " 2 x 6 x 20 " "		80 "	
"	"	" 1 " 4 x 6 x 20 " "		40 "	
"	24.	" rough edge, 800 feet.....			12 00
"	28.	" 2 p'c's, 2 x 12 x 18 f't long.....		72	
"	"	" 2 " 3 x 6 x 20 " "		60	
				5,162 =	129 05
					$144 05

Rec'd payment in full Dec. 17th, 1866.
(S'g'd) H. M. UNDERWOOD.

77 35. *S. W. Vance, tutor, to H. M. Underwood, Dr.*

1866.

March	19th.	To rough edge, 648 ft.....			9 72
"	20	" 21 scantling, 4x4x16 ft. l.....		448 ft.	
"	"	" inch-planks, 17		263 "	
"	"	" 2 planks, 1½x12x22 " "..... ..		66 "	
"	"	" rough edge, 500 feet.....			7 50
"	28	" 30 scantling, 3x4x12 ft. long.....		360 "	
"	"	" 14 " 3x4x20 " "		280 "	
"	29	" 42 " 3x4x10 " "		420 "	
"	"	" 2 " 4x6x20 " "		80 "	
"	"	" 2 " 4x6x21 " "		84 "	
"	"	" 2 " 3x6x21 " "		63 "	
"	"	" 2 " 4x8x20 " "		106 "	
"	30	" 13 " 3x6x21 " "		400 "	
"	"	" plank 1¼ inch		37 "	
"	31	" 8 scantling, 4x8x20 " "		429 "	
April		" inch plank..... ..		184 "	
"	3d.	" weatherboarding.....		1,000 "	
"	9	" inch plank.....		613 "	
"	13	" plank 1½ inch thick.....		62 "	
"	"	" rough edge, 520 ft.....			7 80
"	14	" " " 600 "			9 00
"	"	" plank 1½ inch thick.....		150 "	
"	16	" weatherboarding.....		430 "	
"	17	" ceiling.....		865 "	

"	25	"	"	866 "	
"	"	"	rough edge, 474 feet		7 11
"	"	"	54 strips, ¾x2x16 feet	216 "	41 13
				7,422@2½	235 80
					$276 93

Rec'd payment in full Jan. 18th, '66.
(Signed) H. M. UNDERWOOD.

78 36. *Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor to S. E. Vance, to H. W. Farley & Co.*

4 rolls bagging, 366 y'ds @ 22c	80 52
3 coils rope, 470 ℔ @ 11c	51 70
Drayage to st'r New Era	40
Insurance on $145 @ 1¾%	2 53
Commission, 2½ %	3 32
	$138 49

NEW ORLEAN, *January 19th*, 1869.

7. BUCK HALL, *Oct. 29th*, 1866.

S. W. Vance, tutor S. E. Vance, in % with John Pearce, freedman.

1866.

Aug. 5.	To whetting 70 saw gin	17 50
" " "	repairing brush	20 00
" " "	whetting 2 mills	50 00
		$87 50

Rec'd payment in full of this %.
(Signed) JNO. PEARCE.
Attest: JNO. C. VANCE.

38. Dr. Vance, tutor to S. E. Vance, bought of C. McClauagahn & Co.

Jan. 22, 1867.	To 1½ doz. prs. wrought butts	1 45

Rec'd payment.
(Signed) C. McCLANAGAHN & CO.
Per WADDING.

39. *Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor to S. E. Vance, to Walsh & Boisseau, Dr.*

1866.

Sept. 4th.	Freight bills, Mittie Stephens, on bagging, &c., ties, & twine	83 50
"	Commission, 5%	4 18
"	Storage	1 50
"	Drayage	5 25
		104 43

"	5th.	Freight bill, Sonora, 30 bbls. pork	60 00
"		Commissions, 5 %	3 00
"		Storage	7 50
"		Drayage	3 75
			178 68

79 39. Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor to S. E. Vance, bought of Walsh & Boisseau:

Sept.	24th.		
"	"	To 2 padlocks, @ 1.75	3 50
"	"	10 lbs. 10*d.* nails, @ 15c	1 50
"	"	104 lbs. baling rope, @ 24c	24 96
"	7	½ doz axes, @ 20*s*	15 00
			44 96
		To amount bill annexed	178 68
			$223 64

Rece'd payment by sight draft on H. W. Farley & Co.
(Signed) WALSH & BOISSEAU,
P'r CHENY.

40. *Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor to S. E. Vance, to Daniel Cook, Dr.*

1866.			
Aug.		To underpin'ing 2 smoke-houses and working in 3 cisterns	15 00
"	"	fixing fire-places	3 50
			$18 50

Rece'd in full of above %.
Sept. 15th, 1866.
(Signed) DANIEL COOK,
his
By JOHN + FOSS.
mark.

Attest: J. E. CHAPMAN.

41. Mr. A. J. Haynes, for Buck Hall plantation, bought of A. Winter:

Aug.	18, 1866.		
"	"	2 pieces Lowells, 306 yds., @ 34c	104 04

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) A. WINTER.

42. *Mrs. S. W. Vance, tutor, Buck Hall plantation, Bossier Parish, to Bureau of Ref., Freedmen, & Ab'd Lands, Dr.*

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *April 3d*, 1866.

For pay-rolls, agreements, and other blanks for the year 1866,

in accordance with orders from headquarters of ref., freedmen, and ab'd lands, State of Louisiana..... $21 00

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) L. HARRIGAN,
Agent Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 2d District of Louisiana.

80 43. *Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor to S. E. Vance, to James D. Blair & Co., New Orleans, Dr.*

1865.

Sept. 6th.	10 rolls bagging, 1,000 yds., 23c.....	230 00
" "	10 coils rope, 1,473 lbs., 16c.....	235 68
	Drayage.....	1 40
	Insurance on $513.78, @ $3\frac{3}{16}$ %.....	15 41
	Commissions, 467.08, @ $2\frac{1}{2}$ %.....	11 67
	Charges on % this day.....	494 16

44. Mr. S. W. Vance, tutor for S. E. Vance, bought of Horan & Looney:

Jan. 23d, 1867.

" " "	9 blind bridles, 1.25.....	11 25
" " "	9 " " 1.50.....	13 50
		24 75

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) HORAN & LOONEY,
P'r BUCKNER.

45. $1.250.00.] BUCK HALL, *April 10th*, 1867.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance, tutor of S. E. Vance, the sum of twelve hundred & fifty dollars, being $1,200 due for services rendered on the Buck Hall plantation in the year 1866, and fifty dollars for two cows—two beeves on said place.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

46. Rece'd from S. W. Vance one hundred & fifty dollars ($150) on % of Sallie E. Vance..... $150 00

To money paid passage myself & servant Vina in carrying her to school at Natchitoches on steamboat..... $75 00

$225 00

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

47. BUCK HALL, *April 17th*, 1867.

Mr. S. W. Vance, tutor, to st'r Starlight:

To freight on	5 bales hay.....	15 00
" "	1 plow.....	1 00
		16 00

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) C. F. SEYER.

81 48. *S. E. Vance, minor, in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

By amount paid freedmen on the Buck Hall plantation from 1st of January to 1st of April, 1867, for work done on said plantation, fifteen hundred & ninety-one $\frac{56}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

49. *Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall plantation, to H. W. Farley & Co.:*

50 bbls. mess pork, 24.75	1,237 50
125 sacks corn, 15,640, @ 1.27½	356 08
10 bales hay, 3,990, @ 44.00	87 00
Drayage to steamer	11 25
Insurance on $1,860 @ 1¾%	32 55
Commissions, @ 2½%	42 31
	$1,767 47

S. W. VANCE, *Tutor,*
For S. E. VANCE.

S. W. VANCE, *Buck Hall:*

50 bbls. mess pork, @ 24.75	1,237 50
125 sacks corn, 15,640 lbs., 279 bush's, @ 1.27½	356 08
10 bales hay, 3,990, @ 40.00	87 00
Drayage to steamer	11 25
Insurance on $1,860 @ 1¾%	32 55
Commission, @ 2½%	42 31
	$1,767 47
Grand total	$3,534 94

This corn and hay was all delivered at Buck Hall, instead of any at Carolina Bluff.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance.

82 NEW ORLEANS, *Aug. 29th*, 1866.

50. S. W. Vance, esq'r, bought of James D. Blair & Co.:
Marked: S. W. Vance, Walsh & Boisseau:

30 bbls. mess pork, @ 36.00	1,080 00
Drayage	3 00
Insurance on $1,191.30 @ 3%	35 75
Commission on $1,083.00 @ 2½%	27 05
Amount charged to this date	1,145 80

51. S. W. Vance, tutor, to St'r Independence, Dr.:

To freight on 150 sacks corn	52 50
" " " 45 " yellow corn	15 75
" " " 25 bbls. mess pork	20 25
	$88 50

52. S. W. Vance, tutor, to H. W. Farley & Co.:

15 rolls bagging, 1,500 y'ds @ 38c	570 00
60 b'dles iron ties, 3,360 lbs. @ 11c	369 60
10 h'ks twine, 20 lbs. @ 28c	3 60
Drayage	2 00
Insurance, $1,040 @ 3%	31 20
Commission, @ 2½%	23 68
	$1,002 08

NEW ORLEANS, 21*st Aug.*, 1866.

One-half of this bill should be charged to the Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

53. *Invoice of merchandise purchased by Sentell & Prather and shipped by st'r Louise for account of S. W. Vance, Buck Hall:*

50 sacks salt, @ 1.25	87 50
Drayage	2 00
Insurance on $100 @ 3½%	3 50
Commission on 89.50 @ 2½%	2 23
	$95 23

NEW ORLEANS, *May* 12, '66.

83 54. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co.*

To J. C. VANCE,
Batchelors Misery, Red River:

230 sacks yellow corn, 269.05 or 480$\frac{2}{56}$ bls. 1.31	629 00
Drayage to st'r on 20 loads, 50c	10 00
Insurance on $705 @ 1¾	12 38
Commission @ 2½ %	15 98
	$667 69

New Orleans, April 11th, 1867.

Invoice of corn for John C. Vance, purchased by H. W. Farley & Co., & ch'ged to % of S. W. Vance, tutor for Sarah E. Vance.

This corn was borrowed from the plantation of Allen Vance, dec'd—John C. Vance executor at this time—and was used on the Buck Hall plantation in the year 1866.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor, &c.

55. *S. W. Vance, esq'r, to Jas. D. Blair & Co.*

To charges on 60 b. c. on Feb. 13th to June 30, '66, charged up to your account.

Freight @ 7.00 per bale	420 00
Revenue tax on 27,993 lbs. @ 3 %	559 86

River insurance, $250 pr bale, at 3 %..... 450 00
Fire do $200 " 437 50

Freight, revenue tax, insurance. $1,867 36

60 b. c. from James D. Blair & Co. f Buck Hall plantation... $1,867 36

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance.

56. Invoice of merchandise purchased by Sentell & Prather, & shipped pr st'r Cuba for % S. W. Vance:

100 sacks white corn 218 5/6 bus'ls @ 1.15..... $251 55
Drayage..... 4 50
Insurance on $281, 2½ %..... 7 02
Commission $256, 2½ %..... 6 40

$269 47

For S. W. Vance, tutor to S. E. Vance.

84 57. BUCK HALL PLANTATION, *Feb'y 13th*, 1867.

Mr. S. W. Vance to St'r Cuba, Dr.

Freight on 100 sacks corn @ 1.00..... 100 00

Sentell & Prather, freight on corn, one hundred s'cks corn, one hundred dollars.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance.

58. NEW ORLEANS, *April 11th*, 1867.

Dr. S. W. Vance, bought of Slack, Stauffer & Co.

1 James H. Hall plow, No. 1..... $10 00

Invoice of Slack, Stauffer & Co., James H. Hall plow, ten dollars.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance.

59. SHREVEPORT, LA., *April 22d*, 1867.

Mr. S. W. Vance, p'r Haynes, for Buck Hall, bought of Walsh & Boisseau:

1½ doz. cot. hoes @ 15.00..... 22 50
4 bbls. of lime 5.50..... 22 00

44 50

Walsh & Boisseau bill cha'ged to Buck Hall plt.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance.

60. $2.25.] PARISH OF CADDO, *June 4th*, 1867.

Rece'd of S. E. Vance, by S. W. Vance, tutor, two $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars in full for her State taxes for the year 1866.

(Signed) JOHN J. HOPE,
Sheriff & Tax Collector.

61. BUCK HALL, *June 12th*, 1867.

Dr. S. W. Vance to St'r Starlight, Dr.

To freight on 15 bales hay @ 2.50		$37 50
" " 100 bags corn, 6 boxes candy		$78 00
" " 2 cases m'd'se, 12*s*; 6 bbls. whisky, 12*s*		$12 00
	$127 50	
Less 6 boxes candy, 3.00; whisky, 12.00	15 00	
		$112 00

Freight bill, Starlight, to Buck Hall.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance, Minor.

85 62. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co. for Buck Hall.*

50 sacks white corn, 6,320, or 112.$\frac{48}{}$ bus'ls, @ 1.21	136 56
" " yellow " 6,295, " 112.$\frac{20}{}$ " @ 1.16	130 40
15 bales hay, 5,290, $2\frac{1290}{2000}$ ton', 30.00	79 35
Drayage, 12 loads, @ 50 c	6 00
Insurance on 385.00, @ $1\frac{3}{4}$ %	6 73
Commission, $2\frac{1}{2}$ %	8 80
	$367 84

New Orleans, June 5th, 1867.

Corn, hay, from H. W. Farley & Co. (Signed) S. W. Vance, tutor for Sarah E. Vance.

63. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co.*

S. W. V., B. H.	15 bales hay, 5,420, @ 37.00	100 27
	250 sacks corns, 29,920 lbs., or 534$\frac{10}{}$, 1.07$\frac{1}{2}$	574 36
	Drayage to steamer	12 00
	Insurance on $755, @ $1\frac{3}{4}$ %	13 19
	Commissions, @ $2\frac{1}{2}$ %	17 10
		$716 98

Invoice of corn & hay bought by H. W. Farley & Co. for Buck Hall plantation. S. E. Vance, by S. W. Vance, tutor, &c.

64. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co.*

Marked: S. W. V., C. B.:

601 sacks yellow corn, 1,294$\frac{31}{}$ bus'ls, @ 1.31 ..... $1,695 86

5 bales hay, 1,907, @ 39.00	37 19
100 bbls. Reynolds' mess pork, 24.00	2,400 00
Drayage to steamer	35 00
Insurance on $4,585, @ 1¾	80 23
Commission, 2½ %	104 20
	$4,352 00
One-half to Buck Hall	$2,176 24

This one-half was left at Buck Hall for the use and benefit of said plantation.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for Sarah E. Vance.

86 65. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co.*

S. W. Vance, Buck Hall; 5 bales hay, 39.00	37 20
Drayage to st'r	1 00
Insurance on $40, 1¾ %	70
Commissions, 2½ %	95
	$39 85

New Orleans, April 12th, 1867.
Invoice of 5 bales hay shipped by H. W. Farley & Co. to B. H.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance.

66. BUCK HALL STORE.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance, January 29th, 1868, the sum of one thousand dollars in full for services rendered on Buck Hall plantation for the year 1867.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.
Attest: (Signed) J. T. VANCE.

67. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Sept. 4th,* 1867.

Rec'ed of S. W. Vance for S. E. Vance, minor, two hundred and twenty-five & $\frac{45}{100}$ dollars in full for State, school, internal improvement, income, and parish taxes due by said Miss S. E. Vance for the year 1866.

(Signed) W. H. HILL, *Collector.*

68. *S. E. Vance, minor, in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

By amount paid freedmen, on the Buck Hall plantation, from the 1st of April to 1st July, 1867, for work done on the said Buck Hall plantation, fourteen hundred & eighty-three $\frac{77}{00}$ dollars ($1,483.77).

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

69. *Blacksmith's % of Buck Hall plantation for the year* 1866.

1866. Jan. 12th.	To 2 bars iron, 77, @ 17 p'r lb	13 86
" "	" 2 iron wedges, 1.00	2 00

"	"	"	mending 1 wagon hammer		25
"	16	"	13 lap rings, at 25c	3	25
"	"	"	3 clevis pins, 12½		37½
	"	"	" 12 plow handle staples	1	50

87 *Buck Hall, b's., %c*—Continued.

1866.

Jan.	16.	To	old irons on new d. tree & s. tree	1	25
"	"	"	laying & patching 3 two-horse plows	3	75
"	"	"	5 " 5 double plows	5	00
"	"	"	" 1 grass rod		50
"	17.	"	repairing running gear to wagon	10	00
"	"	"	ten links in trace chains	1	25
"	"	"	sharpening 2 plows		75
"	"	"	one coupling-pin for wagon	1	00
"	"	"	four lap links for trace chains		50
"	"	"	repairing 1 p'r hames		25
"	19.	"	front part of wagon with new irons	20	00
"	"	"	1 link in pair stretchers		25
"	24.	"	repairing corn-sheller	5	00
"	30.	"	4 links in fifth chain		50
"	"	"	1 new lap ring		25
"	"	"	laying 2 turn plows	2	00
Feb.	1.	"	4 plow handles		50
"	3.	"	3 two-horse plows layed & patched	3	75
"	"	"	repairing old irons on 2 d. trees & 4 s. trees	4	00
"	"	"	welding 1 clevis & new pin		37½
"	"	"	1 new clevis pin		12½
"	5.	"	repairing old irons on 4 p'r hames	3	00
"	"	"	4 plow handle staples		50
"	8.	"	trimming & setting 2 turn plows	6	00
"	"	"	stocking 2 plows	3	00
"	9.	"	ironing 1 p'r hames	1	25
				95	98½
"	"	"	repairing irons on p'r hames		75
"	"	"	2 p'rs plow handles & staples		50
"	"	"	1 new clevis pin		25
"	12.	"	trimming & filling 2 turn plows	8	00
"	13.	"	laying on double plow	1	00

88 *Buck Hall %c*—Continued.

1866.

Feb.	11.	To	one pair plow handles & staples		50
"	"	"	" " house hook staple		12½
"	13.	"	2 single-tree hooks		25
"	14.	"	stocking one plow	1	50
"	"	"	one pair staples		25
"	"	"	one new d. tree and s. tree	6	00
"	15.	"	" new piece iron, 22½, @ 18c	4	05

"	"	"	" " clevis & pin	1 00
"	17.	"	12 wrought nails	1 20
"	"	"	ironing 3 hames	2 25
"	"	"	laps for 2 wagon bed rods	1 00
"	21.	"	laying ox yoke staples	60
"	"	"	1 coupling band	1 00
"	"	"	putting old pole iron	1 00
"	23.	"	two new wagon bed rods	2 50
"	26.	"	laying 3 turn plows	3 00
"	"	"	" & patching 2 plows	2 50
"	"	"	one p'r staples	25
"	27.	"	laying 1 turn plow	1 00
"	"	"	stocking 1 plow	1 50
"	"	"	laying 1 bull-tongue	75
"	"	"	one p'r staples	25
"	28.	"	laying 4 bull-tongues	3 00
"	"	"	painting 1 " "	50
"	"	"	new bolt	50
"	"	"	2 p'rs staples	50
				143 21
March	2.	"	laying 1 plow	1 00
"	"	"	sharpening 1 plow	25
"	"	"	one new handle	37½
"	7.	"	2 clevis pins	2 00
"	8.	"	8 " "	8 00

89 *Buck Hall b's. %*—Continued.

1866.

March	7.	To	shoeing 1 horse before	1 00
"	"	"	25 lbs. iron, @ 15c	3 75
"	"	"	repairing 1 p'r shears	12½
"	8.	"	washer on wagon	25
"	"	"	2 plates on land bolster & 2 bolt s	1 50
"	"	"	3 new plows, @ 6.50	19 50
"	"	"	3 " plow-stocks	4 50
"	"	"	1 latch & 3 nails for carriage-house	50
"	12.	"	laying 2 plows, @ 1.00 each	2 00
"	13.	"	sharpening 1 turn-plow	25
"	"	"	" 3 " "	75
"	"	"	pointing 4 plows, @ 50c	2 00
"	"	"	making 2 lap rings	50
"	16.	"	" 9 hooks	1 12
"	"	"	3 bull-tongues & rods, 25lbs., @ 30c	7 50
"	17.	"	1 doz. nails & 2 staples	1 00
"	20.	"	laying 7 plows	7 00
"	"	"	sharpening 2 "	50
"	23.	"	" 2 "	1 00
"	"	"	" 3 "	50
"	"	"	repairing hames in wood	5 00

"	26.	"	laying 3 plows	3 00
"	"	"	12 staples	1 00
"	"	"	3 harrow teeth	1 75
"	"	"	stocking 2 plows	2 50
"	"	"	2 links in chain	25
				223 58
"	"	"	1 p'r hounds child's wagon	1 00
"	"	"	1 p'r hames	75
"	8.	"	1 linch-pin	25
"	26.	"	ironing 1 p'r hames	75
"	"	"	1 pair bridle bits	2 50

90 *Buck Hall b's. %*—Continued.

1866.

March	27th.	To	laying 1 plow	1 00
"	"	"	1 heel bolt & 1 p'r staples	50
"	"	"	1 plow stock	1 25
"	"	"	2 awls	50
"	28.	"	12 hooks	2 50
"	"	"	2 rings	1 00
"	30.	"	2 links	25
"	"	"	mending 2 rods & 1 top	50
Apr.	5.	"	4 new heel bolts	1 00
"	10.	"	laying 1 plow	1 00
"	"	"	4 lap rings	50
"	"	"	1 linch-pin	25
	12.	"	6 staples	75
"	"	"	1 plate on bolster	1 00
"	"	"	1 pole iron	4 00
"	"	"	1 linch-pin	25
"	"	"	wings on 2 sweeps	4 00
"	16.	"	1 ring & staple	1 50
"	"	"	2 corking chisels	1 00
"	"	"	laying 3 shovels	3 00
"	"	"	" 2 bull-tongues	3 00
"	20.	"	sharpening 7 scrapers	1 75
"	"	"	new wings on 2 sweeps	5 00
"	28.	"	new pole iron	5 00
"	29.	"	2 bolts & 1 slider	1 00
"	"	"	cutting & welding 3 bands	37½
				270 95½
May	2d.	"	3 new sweeps, 38 lbs., @ 27	10 26
"	8.	"	4 links in log-chain	1 00
"	12.	"	laying 1 axle-tree	2 50
"	"	"	2 washers	1 00
"	"	"	2 stay-irons	1 00

91 *Buck Hall b's. a/c*—Continued.

1866.			
May 12th.	To 2 bolts, @ 25c		50
" "	" 2 wagon-box	3	50
" "	" wings to 2 sweeps	5	00
" "	" 3 new sweeps, 27 lbs., @ 27c	7	29
" "	" 1 p'r hinges		75
" "	" 1 hasp and 2 staples		25
" 23d.	" 14 rods to sweeps, @ 50c	7	00
" "	" 6 heel bolts	3	00
" "	" 6 p'rs staples	1	05
" "	" sharpening 13 turn plows	3	00
" "	" putting 2 staples in hames		25
" "	" trimming horse's feet		25
" 30.	" cutting 1 tire on cart	1	25
" "	" 3 new skeins	1	00
" "	" 1 washer		50
" "	" 4 links in trace chains		50
" "	" 1 new axle-tree	2	50
" "	" 1 felly for cart		50
" "	" 1 six-plow stock	7	50
June 7.	" 6 bull-tongues, 48lbs., @ 27c	12	96
" "	" 2 breast-chains	4	00
" "	" 6 hooks to hitch horses to	1	20
July 10.	" sharpening 16 plows	3	50
" 17.	" laying 3 plows	3	00
" "	" " 6 "	6	00
" "	" " 7 "	7	00
		370	91
" "	" 1 staple for hames		12½
" 24.	" laying & patching 2 sweeps	2	50
" "	" 2 doz. 3-inch nails	1	00
" 31.	" 1 rod & heel bolt	1	50

92 *Buck Hall b's.*—Continued.

1866.			
August 2d.	To wing to 1 sweep	2	00
" "	" 3 rods	1	50
" "	" heel bolts	1	50
" "	" 3 p'rs staples		40
" 7th.	" 1 ring & staple	1	75
" 10th.	" sharpening 14 sweeps	3	50
" "	" shoeing horse before	1	50
Sept. 1st.	" hinges for door		75
" 2.	" 6 links & 1 hook in fifth chain	1	00
" 5.	" 1 hasp & 2 staples	1	00
" "	" shoeing horse before	1	25
" 13.	" 1 hasp & 2 staples		60
" "	" 1 doz. nails		50

"	21.	"	ironing wagon bed	7 00
"	"	"	shoeing horse before	1 25
"	23.	"	3 hooks for gin	3 00
Oct.	1.	"	1 band	1 00
"	8.	"	repairing iron in hames	25
"	"	"	staple & ring in hames	25
"	"	"	upsetting 3 belts	50
"	"	"	1 new bolt	50
"	10.	"	2 mill picks	2 00
"	"	"	4 bolts	1 00
"	17.	"	1 14-inch bolt	50
"	23.	"	cutting 2 files	2 00
"	"	"	1 linch pin	25
"	"	"	1 hook in log-chain	50
				$413 54
"	"	"	1 ring and staple in hames	25
"	24.	"	1 wrench	1 50
Dec.	22.	"	repairing griddle	1 00
				$416 24

93 This work was done at the blacksmith shop of Dr. J. W. Vance's plantation rented by me. Acc't kept and presented to me by Wm. Haynes, the manager of said place & shop.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor to S. E. Vance.

70. 1866. BUCK HALL, *May*, 1866.

Dr. S. W. Vance to Steamer Louis d'Or, Dr.

To freight on 50 sacks co. salt 62 50

Rece'd payment of S. W. Vance, tutor of S. E. Vance.

(Signed) J. L. RUSS.

71. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co.*

Marks. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall.

100 sacks white corn, 12,405, 221.28	bush., @ 1.46	323 41
100 " yellow " 12,385, or 221.00	" 1.26	278 66
6 levee scrapers, # 3, @ 11.00		66 00
2 " " # 2, @ 11.00		22 00
2 " " # 1, @ 10.00		20 00
Drayages		9 25
Insurance on $900, @ 1¾ %		15 75
Commission, 2½ %		17 98
		753 05

New Orleans, 22d July, 1867.

Invoice of corn & scoops from H. W. Farley & Co.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for Sarah E. Vance.

72. $1,025.30.] BUCK HALL, *February 24th*, 1868.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of one thousand twenty-five and $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars, for balance on corn borrowed in 1866.

(Sig'd) JOHN C. VANCE.

John C. Vance's receipt to S. W. Vance, as tutor for S. E. Vance.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

73. *Mr. D. Flemming bought of John C. Elstner.*

Nov. 9th, 1867. 2 sacks rye..... 15 00

Paid.

(Signed) JOHN C. ELSTNER.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance.

94 V. 74. *S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co.*

S. W. Vance, care of Walsh & Boisseau, Shreveport:

9 rolls bagging, 900 y'ds, @ 24c.....	216 00
26 bundles Waily ties, 1,707 lbs., @ 8½.....	145 10
Insurance on $400, @ 2 %.....	8 00
Commission, 2½ %.....	2 04
	$378 94

New Orleans, Oct. 29th, 1867.

Bagging & ties to pack crop of 1867 of Buck Hall plant.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

V. 75. PARISH OF CADDO, *June 16th*, 1868.

Rece'd of S. E. & S. W. Vance one $\frac{70}{100}$ dollars, in full of his parish tax for the year 1866.

(Signed) W. J. SULLIVAN, *Collector.*

" 76. BUCK HALL, *Novem. 7th*, 1867.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty dollars, due me for repairing running-gear to gin, and whetting the mill, in this the month of October.

(Sig'd JOHN PEARCE.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance.

Attest:

(Signed) T. J. VANCE.

" 77. Rece'd, March 3d, 1868, of S. W. Vance three hundred dollars, for 200 bus. corn, Buck Hall plantation, Red River.

(Signed) T. R. JORDAN.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor to Sarah E. Vance.

" 78. *Buck Hall plant. to steam mill, Dr.*

1867.	May 11.	To 892 ft. lumber, @ 2.50.....		47 30
"	June 24.	"1,004 " " "	.....	25 10

"	July	6.	"	933	"	"	"	....	23 32½
"	"	13.	"	760	"	"	"	....	18 00
"	"	20.	"	752	"	"	"	....	18 80
"	Aug.	10.	"	350	"	"	"	....	8 75
"	"	14.	"	1 sack corn.....					
"	"	15.	"	732 feet weather-boarding.....					18 30
"	Sep.	10.	"	500 " flooring.....					12 50

95 *Lumber bill*—Continued.

1867.

Sept.	10.	To	320	feet scantling,	@	2.50.	8 00
"	25.	"	300	" flooring,	"	"	7 50
"	"	"	320	" scantling,	"	"	8 00
Oct.	29.	"	736	" inch-plank,	"	.....	18 40
"	"	"	840	" rough-edge,	1.25	.....	10 50
"	31.	"	860	" "	"	"	10 75
Nov.	10.	"	750	" inch-plank,	2.50	.....	8 75
"	14.	"	640	" "	2.50	.....	16 00
"	20.	"	750	" boat,	"	.....	18 75
"	22.	"	432	" inch "	"	.....	10 80
"	"	"	416	" scantling,	"	.....	10 40
"	24.	"	840	" inch-plank	"	.....	21 00
"	27.	"	800	" "	"	.....	20 00
Dec.	3.	"	200	" scantling,	"	.....	5 00
"	"	"	250	" plates,	"	.....	6 25
"	"	"	360	" slats,	"	.....	9 00
"	"	"	27	" pailings,	"	.....	67½
"	5th.	"	780	" lumber,	"	.....	19 50
"	7th.	"	928	" weatherboarding,	"	.....	23 20
"	9.	"	728	" trough lumber,	"	.....	18 20
"	"	"	60	" rough edge,	1.25	.....	75
"	11th.	"	675	" lumber,	2.50	.....	16 87½
"	14th.	"	512	" plank,	"	.....	12 90
"	"	"	256	" scantling,	"	.....	6 40
							$469 67½

℅ Buck Hall plantation saw-mill

(Signed) S. E. VANCE,
By tutor S. W. VANCE.

96 V. 79. *Buck Hall plantation, shop's ℅.*

1867.

Feb.	21.	To	sharpening 7 turn plows		1 75
"	"	"	mending 1 p'r hames.....		37½
"	"	"	7 staples & 1 clevis.....		1 87
"	"	"	1 heel bolt.....		37
"	25.	"	1 p'r staples & rod.....		88
"	"	"	6 plows sharpened, @ 2*s*.....		1 50
"	"	"	2 scooters layed, @ 6*s*.....		1 50

"	"	"	1 d. tree ironed	50
"	"	"	7 heel bolts, @ 4*s*	3 00
"	28.	"	sharpening 8 plows, @ 2*s*	2 00
"	"	"	hinges & 6 bolts	3 00
"	"	"	4 heel bolts	1 50
M'ch	1.	"	sharpening 6 plows	1 50
"	"	"	1 gate	3 00
"	"	"	repairing plow-stocks	3 50
"	2.	"	1 p'r fire-irons	2 25
"	"	"	6 clipps	3 00
"	"	"	laying 1 plow	1 00
"	"	"	pointing 1 "	50
"	4.	"	sharpening 2 plows	50
"	"	"	ironing double-tree	1 00
"	5.	"	stocking 1 plow	1 50
"	6.	"	1 beam in plow stock	1 00
"	7.	"	upsetting 3 plows	1 00
"	"	"	1 double-tree	1 00
"	"	"	3 links in stretcher chain	25
"	15th.	"	1 p'r hames	75
"	"	"	2 plow handles	50
"	"	"	1 p'r hames	1 00
"	"	"	cutting 1 bar	1 00
"	"	"	3 links on ring	25
				43 19

97 *Blacksmith % Buck Hall*—Continued.

1867.			Amount brought forward	43 19
March	15.	To	making 3 harrows	7 50
"	"	"	upsetting 1 "	1 00
"	"	"	3 p'rs staples	30
"	"	"	1 " "	10
"	"	"	6 " "	60
"	29.	"	6 nails & drawing 1 hook	50
"	"	"	1 fifth-chain & 2 links	20
"	"	"	3 bolts for wagon	1 50
"	"	"	1 coupling-pin	1 00
"	"	"	2 single-trees	4 00
"	"	"	burning 3 mules for lampers	75
"	"	"	2 lap-rings	1 00
April	4th.	"	burning 2 mules for lampers	50
"	11.	"	16 plows, sharpened	4 00
"	"	"	1 " stocked	1 50
"	17.	"	1 wagon-tongue	5 00
"	"	"	1 land bolster & slider	3 00
"	"	"	2 stay-chain hooks	75
"	"	"	1 band for wagon	1 00
"	"	"	1 hound band for wagon	25

"	"	"	1 bed-pin, mended	50
"	"	"	3 bolts for wagon	1 50
"	"	"	1 nose-iron	50
"	"	"	1 slider	2 00
"	"	"	2 coupling-bands for wagon	50
"	"	"	4 nails for land bolster	25
"	17.	"	mending one p'r stretchers	1 00
May	1.	"	stocking 1 scraper	1 50
"	"	"	repairing 8 stocks	2 00
"	3.	"	pointing 9 scrapers	4 50
"	"	"	sharpening 8 turn-plows	2 00
				50 70
			1st page	43 19
				93 89

98 *Buck Hall plant. shop %*—Continued.

1867.			Am't brought forward	93 89
June	11.	To	repairing wagon	10 00
"	12.	"	pointing & patching 3 plows	2 25
"	"	"	1 rod	75
"	"	"	1 tap	25
"	"	"	laying & pointing 1 plow	1 50
"	14.	"	repairing mill shaft	50
"	15.	"	shoeing horse	2 50
"	"	"	pointing 1 plow	50
"	18.	"	ironing 4 single-trees	4 00
"	"	"	" 1 double "	1 00
"	"	"	20 new lap-rings	5 00
"	"	"	4 fire irons	1 00
"	"	"	2 p'rs staples	25
"	"	"	ironing 6 p'rs hames	4 00
"	"	"	8 clevis pins	2 00
"	"	"	ironing 4 p'r hames	4 00
"	23.		laying 5 plows	5 00
"	"	"	1 new clip on s'-tree	25
"	"	"	repairing traces	1 50
"	"	"	1 hasp & staples	75
"	29.	"	10 links in chain	1 25
"	"	"	1 hames hook	50
"	"	"	making & ironing 2 d'-trees	3 00
"	"	"	repairing plow	2 00
Feb.	1st.	"	2 new plows, 91 lbs., @ 25c	22 75
"	"	"	3 plow-stocks	4 50
"	"	"	2 p'rs hames	2 50
"	"	"	6 lap-rings	1 50
"	21.	"	2 lap-links & rings	75
"	"	"	mending auger	50
"	"	"	laying 1 turn-plow	1 00
				$190 34

99 *Buck Hall shop %c*—Continued.

1867.

			Am't bro't	190	34
May	8th.	To	upsetting bolts		25
"	25	"	2 clevises	2	00
"	"	"	repairing 2 clevises	1	25
"	"	"	sharpening 4 shovels	1	00
"	"	"	4 long rods	4	00
"	"	"	4 heel pins	2	00
"	"	"	12 staples		75
"	28.	"	laying 2 shovels	2	00
"	"	"	" 1 turn plow	1	00
"	"	"	1 p'r hooks & staples		50
"	29.	"	sharpening 9 plows	2	25
"	"	"	laying 1 plow	1	00
"	"	"	1 heel bolt		50
"	"	"	3 p'rs staples		25
"	"	"	2 sweeps	4	00
"	"	"	6 screws	1	50
June	12.	"	stocking 2 plows	3	00
"	"	"	4 sweep stocks	6	00
"	"	"	filling wagon wheel	10	00
"	14.	"	pole & hounds to wagon	8	00
"	"	"	2 standards		50
"	"	"	2 single trees	1	00
"	"	"	1 " " & 2 standards	1	50
"	"	"	1 coupling band	1	00
"	"	"	ironing wagon	11	50
"	21.	"	work on wagon	24	75
"	24.	"	laying 2 plows	2	50
"	"	"	repairing 2 plows	1	50
"	25.	"	laying & repairing 2 plows	3	00
"	"	"	pointing & sharpening 1 "		75
"	"	"	1 link in stretcher		12½
				$289	71½

100 *Buck Hall shop %c*—Continued.

1867

				289	71½
June	25.	To	shoeing horse	1	25
"	27.	"	putting new wing on sweep	2	50
"	"	"	one plow beam	1	00
"	"	"	laying 2 plows	2	50
"	"	"	sharpening 3 "		75
"	"	"	1 plow beam	1	00
"	29.	"	1 bridle bit		75
"	"	"	1 wagon rod repaired		25
"	"	"	staples		25
"	"	"	1 upright & handles on plow	1	00

July	5th.	"	1 p'r staples		25
"	"	"	3 gates, $3 each	9	00
"	17.	"	showing Dr. White's horse	1	25
"	26.	"	repairing 3 plows	6	50
"	"	"	upsetting 4 heel bolts		50
"	"	"	stocking 1 6-horse plow	2	50
"	"	"	repairing 2 four-horse plows	1	75
Aug.	3.	"	sharpening 10 plows	2	25
"	"	"	repairing ink	1	00
"	"	"	felling wagon wheel	5	00
"	"	"	1 sand bolster	1	50
"	"	"	2 single trees		75
"	"	"	bushing 1 wheel		75
"	8.	"	cutting & welding 2 tires	3	00
"	"	"	ironing 2 new single trees	1	50
"	"	"	1 box for axle tree	3	00
"	"	"	1 hammer	1	00
"	"	"	1 " strap		50
"	"	"	3 washers		75
"	"	"	1 linchpin		25
"	"	"	1 hook, 25 links		50
				344	46½

101 *Buck Hall shop %*—Continued.

1867.				344	46½
Aug.	8.	To	2 tops on bolts		50
"	"	"	upsetting 3 bolts		37
"	"	"	cutting & welding 2 spoke-beds		25
"	"	"	1 plate on bolster		50
"	"	"	setting 2 grass blades		50
"	16.	"	cutting and shrinking file	1	25
"	30.	"	1 linchpin		25
Sept.	19.	"	splicing 2 scraper-rods	3	00
"	"	"	1 stretcher hook		50
"	"	"	mending well bucket		50
"	"	"	ironing 1 p'r hames		75
"	"	"	5 lap-rings	1	25
"	21.	"	work done on wagon	4	00
"	28.	"	2 lap-rings		50
"	"	"	mending 2 scoops	3	00
"	"	"	6 links for chain		75
Oct.	3d.	"	repairing 2 scoops	3	50
"	"	"	making lap-ring		25
"	5.	"	ironing wagon-bed	7	50
"	"	"	hire of Allen Wilson	4	50
"	"	"	ironing wagon-bed	12	00
"	"	"	repairing 3 mill picks		75
"	"	"	making 2 single trees		50
"	"	"	ironing 2 " "		50
"	"	"	making 2 lap-rings		50
"	"	"	plate on double tree		50

"	26.	"	repairing 1 scoop	1 50
"	29.	"	mending 1 "	1 50
"	"	"	making 1 bolt for scoops	25
Nov.	3.	"	repairing buggy	6 00
"	"	"	mending 1 scoop	50
				391 28

102 Buck Hall plant. shop account for 1867.
$391.28 to S. E Vance.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

V. 80. *Fountain Head Steam-mill*, 1867.

Plaindealing plantation bought of S. W. Vance.
1867.

11,050	feet	pine lumber, @ 2.50		278 74
2,800	"	oak " " 3.00		84 00
1,284	"	rough edge, " 1.25		16 05
116	"	cypress, " 3.00		3 84
		Plaindealing % sawmill		$382 59

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor to S. E. Vance.

" 81. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *March 13th*, 1868.

Dr. Whit. Vance, Dr.

To 124 bus. corn, @ 1.50 ..... 186 00

You will please pay the amount to Mr. McDill, and he will receipt for the same.
Yours, &c.,
(Signed) J. S. VALENTINE.

March 14th, 1868. Rec'd payment.
(Signed) N. McDILL.

J. S. Valentine, receipt seed corn, $186.00.
(Signed) S. E. VANCE,
By S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

" 82. MRS. CAIN'S, *March 8th*, 1868.

Mr. S. W. Vance, Dr. McCormick, to St'r National, Dr.

To freight on	150	s'cks	corn, @ 4*s*	75 00
" " "	4	"	salt, @ 6*s*	3 00
				78 00

Paid.
(Signed) BARCLAY.

Buck Hall.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance.

" 83. *Extract.*

BUCK HALL PLANTATION.

1867.			
June 21.	To p'd st'r Starlight, freight on corn & hay		$112 50
July 3.	" invoice, corn & hams, p'd st'r Eleanora		748 26
12.	" " flour, " "		121 63
103 1867.			
July 25th.	Invoice corn, &c., st'r Starlight		$753 05
" "	Paid st'r Elenora, freight on invoice 3d July	$190.75	
	Less 10 %	19 00	$171 75
Aug. 10.	Invoice sundries, p'r st'r Cuba		194 55
" 23.	Paid st'r Starlight, fr'g't on invoice 22d July		160 00
" 31.	Invoice of sundries, p'r Lotus No. 2		359 62
" "	Paid st'r Elnora 12th July		10 00
April 4.	Invoice corn & pork p'r Richmond		922 87
			3,554 23
Credit by am't in No. 71			753 05
	Amount due on this		$2,801 18

New Orleans, April 4th, 1868.

(Signed) H. W. FARLEY & Co.,
P'r SHUTWINS.

Account Buck Hall plantation $3,554 23

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor to S. E. Vance.

V. 84. STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Caddo, April 1st, 1868.

Rece'd of S. W. Vance, tutor for S. E. Vance, two & $\frac{85}{100}$ dollars, in full for his State and internal improvement tax for the year 1867.

(Signed) J. J. HOPER,
P'r STURGESS,
Sheriff & Collector.

" 85. Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, bought of Culp & Conway:

1867.		
Nov. 5.	To 6 b'dles iron ties, 336, @ 12½	42 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) CULP & CONWAY.

APRIL 4TH, 1868.

" 86. Articles purchased for Sallie E. Vance from Oct., 1867:

Geography, 1.00; reader, 50; 1 pr. shoes, 2.50	4 00
10 yds. flan'l, $5.00; ½ doz. prs. stockings, 4.50; envelopes, 85	10 35
1 pr. gaiters, 2.50; Santa Claus, 14.25; embroidery, 1.00; 2½ yds. B. eye diaper, 2.50	20 25

2½ yds. wh. linen, 2.00; ink, 25; 3 prs. shoes, 6.00; pens & pencil	8 40
History, 1.50; night drawers., 2 prs., 75; day drawers, 4 prs, 1.50	3 75
White apron, 1.00; darning & mending, 75; buttons, 50	2 25
Board & tuition due March 19th	175 00
	224 00

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

104 Vch. 87. Rece'd from S. W. Vance two hundred ($200.00) for Sallie Vance, April 10th, 1868.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

" 88. *Statement of settlement with freedmen on the Buck Hall plant. from 1st July, 1867, to 25th December, 1867.*

Anderson West	57 45
July Latson & wife Fanny	70 45
Robt. Clark & " Patsy	69 35
Robt. Jenkins, from 1st June to 25 Dec., '67	93 29
Rachel Lanson	17 25
Jennette Pruner	3 40
Seyam Jones	7 00
Jim Gayle	18 75
Henry Gates & wife Fanny	59 87
Sol. Clark	8 05
Henry Harrison & wife	95 67
Richard Henderson	105 00
John Crocker & family	116 18
Wash. Dudly & family	86 15
Gabe Gilmer & "	146 22
Thos. Gates & Jim Jones	77 53
Russel Pruner	62 55
Jim Smith & wife	99 55
Sol. Willis	63 52
Peach Willis	58 30
Ben Lanson & family	53 16
Steve Lanson	59 80
Thos. Lanson	24 00
Charly Lumpkin & Patsy	81 57
Ruben Rucker & family	132 81
Randall Gilmer & family	98 62
	$1,765 53
105 Amount brought forward	1,765 53
Frank Ward	28 50
John Dashield	19 00
John Whitman	10 92
Collin Patrick	11 50
William James	11 50

Crawford Belle	10 35
William Patrick	11 50
	$1,868 84

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement in settlement with freedmen on the Buck Hall plantation, from the 1st of July to the 25th December, 1867.

April 18th, 1868.

(Signed) THOS. J. VANCE.

Order.

Clerk's office, 10th district court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Let publication of the filing of this answer by public notice in Bossier Banner, a weekly newspaper published in the parish of Bossier, and let the under tutor have service. This done and signed officially on this 22d day of April, A. D. 1868.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk District Court.

Judgment.

Clerk's office of the 10th district court.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR, SARAH E. VANCE.

In this cause, by reason of the law, and the written answer having been advertised for more than thirty clear days, without opposition, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the said account be homologated and approved, and the same is hereby made the judgment of the court, on this the sixth day of June, 1868. This done officially at Bellevue.

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(Signed) T. N. BRADEN, *Clerk.*

(Endorsed:) Filed April 20th, 1868. (Signed) M. P. Long, d'y clerk.

Petition, 1st annual account, vouchers, & judgment, all filed in evidence and marked B, Oct. 22, '78.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH, *D'y Clerk.*

Petition.

SARAH E. VANCE. } Parish court.

To the honorable the parish judge of the 10th judicial district court:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that he herewith files in court his second annual account, as tutor aforesaid, to his said minor child, Sarah

E. Vance. Your petitioner represents that on the different dates of record in court, with different account previously filed in court, he has accounted for all property, proceeds of same, belonging to his said minor child.

Petitioner prays that after the legal delays and notices the statement or account be approved, homologated, and made the judgment of the court. He prays that Peachy R. Gilmer, of this said parish & State, as under tutor to said minor, be duly notified of the filing of this account, and further prays for all rules, notices, orders, and decrees needful in the premises, and for general relief.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

I have examined this account, with accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct, and fully approve the same, and waive notice of the filing of same, this 4th day of October, A. D. 1869.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

107 *S. E. Vance, minor, in ℅ with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

2D ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

Voucher	1.	Names of creditors in this account.	
"	"	Balance due tutor in last account, filed 22d day of April, 1868	$7,311 44
"	2.	Loony & Wells' bill	100 00
"	3.	Taxes Bossier Parish, 1867	296 96
"	4.	Walsh & Boisseau bill	72 12
"	5.	Taxes, Caddo Parish, 1867	1 05
"	6.	Levee tax, 1868	40
"	7.	Greeg & Martin bill	3 25
"	8.	Walsh & Boisseau "	18 00
"	9.	James F. Utz "	200 00
"	10.	W. H. Scanlann "	12 00
"	11.	Watts & Troy "	818 59
"	12.	Miss Laura Hunter "	139 60
"	13.	" " " "	150 00
"	14.	Thos. N. Braden "	55 20
"	15.	Patrick Fleming "	800 00
"	16.	J. Sturkie "	100 00
"	17.	Culp & Conway "	5 00
"	18.	Miss Laura Hunter "	76 00
"	19.	Dr. G. A. Wyche "	20 00
"	20.	Freight bill, Caroline	20 00
"	21.	Blacksmith ℅, 1868	484 77
"	22.	Miss Laura Hunter	117 15
"	23.	Invoice H. W. Farley & Co	24 65
"	24.	Nails, " " "	50 50
"	25.	Invoice, " " " corn & pork	992 87
"	26.	" " " " " & salt	440 55
"	27.	" " " " " " salt	23 11
"	28.	Lumber for Buck Hall, 1868	146 35

108	V'ch' 29. Lumber for Plaindealing, 1868	51	17
	" 30. Miss Laura Hunter's bill	31	10
"	31. One per cent. tax, Bossier Parish	129	93
"	32. Willie Cooper, sharpening gin	40	00
"	33. One per cent. tax, Caddo P'h	4	00
"	34. Wash Dudley & others	30	00
"	35. William Walker	130	00
"	36. Caddo Parish tax		25
"	37. " " "		70
"	38. Invoice, corn, bagging & ties	248	36
"	39. Receipt, Mrs. Janes		
"	40. Benedict, neglected in last account	200	00
"	41. Miss Laura Hunter	108	90
"	42. Tutor's acc't	327	60
		$13,781	90

CREDIT.

By 136 b. c., crop 1868	15,077	33
Less amount paid freedmen's share of crop	4,020	00
	11,057	33
By note of R. G. Graves on exchange Cuba & Behind lands	259	18
Amount due minor	11,316	51
Amount due tutor	13,781	90
Bal. due tutor	2,465	49

Leaving balance due tutor the sum of two thousand four hundred & sixty-five & $\frac{49}{100}$ dollars to bills or taken up 5th Oct., 1869.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Nat'l Tutor.*

VOUCHERS.

V. 1. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Oct. 5th,* 1869.

Minor Sarah E. Vance in account with S. W. Vance, tutor.

109 1. In % filed in court 22d April, 1869:
Due tutor the sum of seven thousand three hundred and eleven $\frac{44}{00}$ dollars $7,311 44
The same approved by court the 6th June, 1868.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Natural Tutor.*

V. 2. Rec'ed Nov. 28th, 1868, of S. W. Vance, his draft for one hundred dollars, in full of his third of the obligation to us, fees due us in the case of T. M. Gilmer's heirs of James B. Gilmer, in dist. court of Caddo Parish, La.
(Signed) LOONEY & WELLS.

" 3. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Nov. 7th*, 1868.

Rec'ed of S. W. Vance, for Miss S. E. Vance, two hundred and ninety & $\frac{96}{100}$ dollars in full for parish taxes due by the said Miss S. E. Vance for the year 1867.

(Signed) W. H. HILL, *Collector.*

" 4. 1868. *Buck Hall Plant. to Walsh & Boisseau, Dr.*

June 8th. Freight & charges per steamer National..... 5 25
July 15. " " " Lula D..... 51 77
" 20. Bill Mary Allen..... 15 00

$72 12

Aug. 8. Rece'd payment in full.

WALSH & BOISSEAU,
P'r CHASE.

5. $1.05.] PARISH OF CADDO, *May 9th*, 1868.

Rec'd of S. E. Vance one $\frac{05}{100}$ dollars, in full of her parish tax for the year 1867.

(Signed) W. J. SULIVAN, *Collector.*

6. PARISH OF CADDO, *Sept. 11th*, 1868.

Rec'd of S. E. Vance $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars, in full of her levee tax for 1868.

(Signed) J. A. HOPE,
P'r BURGESS,
Sheriff & Collector.

110 V. 7. SHREVEPORT, LA., *July 10th*, 1868.

S. W. Vance bought of Gregg & Martin:
1 sack salt..... 3 25
Rece'd payment.
(Signed) GREGG & MARTIN.

" 8. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Aug. 10th*, 1868.

Mr. S. W. Vance bought of Walsh & Boisseau:
12 ft. 8-in. 4-ply belting, 12*s*..... 18 00
Rece'd payment,
(Signed) W. B.,
P'r WYLY.

" 9. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Sept. 21st*, 1868.

Mr. S. W. Vance bought of James F. Utz:
1 18-in. S. J. Coleman mill..... 200 00
Rec'ed payment.
(S'g) JAMES F. UTZ.

" 10. BELLEVUE, LA., *May 13th*, 1868.

Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor, to W. H. Scanland, Dr.

1867, Oct. 26. To advert'g 2 annual & final a'cs in succession of Mary B. Vance..... 6 00

1868, April 25th. To 1st separate annual account as tutor to S. E. Vance..... 6 00

$12 00

Rece'd payment in full.
(Sig'd) W. H. SCANLAND.

" 11. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Watts & Troy, Dr.*

To cash paid, costs in case vs. E. Y. Fair.....	15 00
" " " advertising Gilmer plantation.....	18 00
" commissions settling land case Mrs. M. A. Gilmer et al.....	704 44
" " on $400 collected for S. S. Callaway.....	40 00
" cash paid for stamps for F. M. Gilmer, dec'd	41 05
	$818 59

Rece'd, June 16th, of S. W. Vance eight hundred & eighteen & $\frac{59}{100}$ dollars, the same being deducted out of collection of claim against W. H. Wilkinson in settlement of above account.
(Signed) WATTS & TROY.

The above charge of seven hundred & four $\frac{44}{100}$ (704.44) dollars commissions for settling case of Mrs. M. A. Gilmer and
111 others is to be reduced to an equitable basis, & the surplus refunded, if the land, when in settlement of the debt, does not realize enough to pay the debt and interest, June 6th, 1868.
(Signed) WATTS & TROY.

V. 12. Sallie Vance, from April 10th, 1868:

Envelopes, 90; handkerchief, 80; gaiters, 2.25	3 95
Shoes, 2.00; barrage, 2.00; 1 bolt ribbon, 1.50	5 50
1 yd. sarcanot, 75; .1 yd. facing, 50; 2 skeins silk, 25..	1 50
Making & cutting	3 50
Gingham, 75; making 50; 4th Reader, 1.00.....	2 25
Hoop, 1.00; altering pink muslin & braid for same.....	1 40
Spelling book, paper, & slate pencils	80
Ink, 25c; gaiters, 2.25.....	2 50
Material for sun bonnets & making	1 20
Board and tuition to Aug. 10th	95 00
	$119 60

Rece'd payment in full.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

" 13. Rece'd March 5th, 1869, from S. W. Vance, $150.00.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

" 14. *Succession of Mary B. & J. B. G. Vance, deceased, to Thos. N. Braden, clerk, Dr.*

1867			
Oct. 2d.	To filing 2d annual account & order		60
" " "	" final " "		60
" " "	issuing 2 notices to Banner		2 00
1868.			
Jan. 4.	" filing 40 vouchers in ev		4 00
" " "	" judgment homologating account		2 00
" " "	rewriting tutor's 2d annual account		19 50
" " "	" final %		3 50
" " "	copying 2d annual account		19 50
" " "	" final account		3 50
			$55 20

Rece'd payment in full Feb. 25th, 1868.
(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k*,
P'r M. P. LONG, *D'p'ty.*

112 V. 15. SHREVEPORT, LA., *February 24th*, 1867.

$800. Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of eight hundred dollars, being in full for services as overseer during the year 1868.
(Signed) P. FLEMING.

" 16. $100. BUCK HALL, *Feb. 11th*, 1869.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of one hundred dollars for attending to business on this plan. as overseer from 21st day of October to 1st January, 1869.
No. stamp.] (Signed) J. STURKIE,

" 17. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Feb. 1st*, 1869.

Mr. S. W. Vance bought of Culf & Conway:

Jan. 31.	4 ft. 8-in. belting, 1.25	5 00

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) CULF & CONWAY,
P'r NOLEND.

" 18. Sallie Vance, personal expenses:

7 yds. blue delaine, 60c. p'r yd.; 1 skein blue silk, 10		4 30
5 " canton flannel, 50c, $2.50; tatting, 1.85		4 35
1 p'k'g braid, 1.50; 12 skeins blue silk, 1.20		2 70
Making & braiding dress		3 00
1½ yds. cambric, 37½; 1 spool silk; 13 yds. merino binding, 75		1 12½
Paper, 25; buckram, 35; 1 yd. linen, 1.25; 1 p'r gaiters, 2.50		4 35
2 pieces pearl-edge velvet		3 25
Making blue delaine dress		2 25

" canton flannel " 2 00
Board & tuition from Sept. 10 to Nov. 10, '68..... 50 00

$76 32½

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

" 19. Rece'd of Dr. S. W. Vance twenty dollars for his proportion of a medical % which I have against George M. Gilmer. Dec. 20th, 1868.
(Signed) G. A. WYCHE.

113 V. 20. BUCK HALL, 1868.

Mr. S. W. Vance to St'r Caroline, Dr.

10 bbl's lime, @ 2.00..... 20 00
Rece'd in good order. Paid.
(Signed) PHELPS & STURKIE.

" 21. *Buck Hall plantation, blacksmith % for the year* 1868, *in account with Vance & Haynes.*

Dec.	12.	To new wing on plow		3 00
"	"	" 5 new rods		3 75
"	"	" 1 hook, hasp & staple.....		4 50
"	"	" sharpening 3 plows		75
"	"	" laying 4 plows.....		5 00
"	"	" patching 1 ".....		1 50
"	"	" sharpening 4 "		80
"	"	" 3 he/l bolts, 1.50; 1 new rod, .75.....		2 25
"	"	" 4 taps & wings to 4 plows		9 00
Jan.	6.	" 4 new d. trees, 2.50; 3 pr. plow handles, 3 plow rods, 1.75.....		3 75
"	8	" 1 staple, 20c.; ironing 4 d. trees, 2.00		2 20
"	"	" 6 new fire irons, 1.50; 5 hooks, 1.25		2 75
"	"	" 4 lap rings, 1.00; 4 links in chain		1 25
"	"	" 1 p'r staples, 25; rounds & handles in plow, 1.05		1 30
"	12.	" new turning plow, 25 @ 25.....		6 25
"	15.	" 2 p'r hames irons, 2.00; 2 chain links, 25.....		2 25
"	"	" 2 chain links, 25; 1 p'r staples 20c		45
"	"	" 4 bolts, 1.25; 4 spikes, 40.....		1 65
"	"	" double horse plow stock		1 25
"	"	" 1 p'r new hames, 50c.; 2 d. horse plows & stocks, 2.50.....		3 00
"	"	" 2 p'rs staples.....		40
"	21.	" 2 plates, nails & washers.....		50
		Am't carried forward.....		57 22

114 *Buck Hall shop %*—Continued.

		Am't b. forward.....		57 22
1868.				
Jan.	21.	To shoeing Dr. White's horse		1 25

"	26.	"	repairing wagon	15
"	27.	"	1 bar iron, 30 lbs., @ 15c. per pound	4 50
"	31.	"	putting beam in plow	50
Feb.	1.	"	tap on bolt, 25; 4 clevis, 3.00	3 25
"	"	"	1 couplin' pin, 50; 1 couplin' band, 1.00	1 50
"	"	"	2 p'rs staples, 40; sharpening 1 plow, 25	65
"	"	"	repairing single horse plow, 75; rounding plow, 15	90
"	13.	"	sharpening 1 plow, 25; 16th, shoeing horse, 1.25	1 50
"	16.	"	" 2 " 50; 3 staples, 30	80
"	19.	"	6 bull tongues, 42 lbs., @ 25c. p'r pound	10 50
"	"	"	sharpening 4 plows, 1.00; laying & patching 4 do., 1.50	2 50
"	21.	"	1 single horse plow stock	1 25
"	"	"	1 " " foot & rounds	1 12
"	"	"	3 " " " "	36
"	"	"	1 p'r handles & rounds for bull tongue	52
"	"	"	" " " " " "	1 05
"	"	"	1 beam & round in bull tongue	65
"	22.	"	round & handle in s. horse plow	33
"	"	"	1 beam " " "	50
"	"	"	2 loop rings	40
"	"	"	2 " "	40
"	"	"	6 new heel bolts	3 00
"	"	"	laying & patching plow	1 50
"	"	"	sharpening 1 plow	25
"	"	"	" bull tongue	15
				97 30

This amount carried forward to next page.

115 *Buck Hall shop %*—Continued.

1868.			Am't bro't	97 30
Feb.	26.		To putting tap on rod	25
"	"	"	shrinking & cutting 1 bolt	12
"	"	"	2 new plows, $8 each	16 00
"	27.	"	4 " " " "	32 00
Mch.	2.	"	cutting 4 rods	50
"	"	"	2 pr. staples for gate	40
"	"	"	putting in wagon tongue	1 50
"	"	"	stocking 2 single-horse plow, 1.25	2 50
"	"	"	putting beams & handles in 2 plows	2 05
"	"	"	" handles & round in bull tongue	52
"	"	"	" round in bull tongue	37
"	"	"	1 wagon standard, 05; 1 pr. hinges & nails, 1.25	1 30
"	3.	"	1 large staple, 25; burning lampers in horse, 20	45
"	6.	"	6 new turning plows, 8.00; each	48 00
"	"	"	1 bull tongue & 1 shovel sharpened	30
"	"	"	2 new rods, 1.00; 2 heel bolts	2 00
"	"	"	2 clevises, 75; 1 ring & link in trace, 12½	87½

"	"	"	2 prs. staples, 40c.; 2 new single trees, @ 1.25, 2.50	2 90
"	10.	"	6 links in stretcher	75
"	"	"	1 hook in fifth chain, 50c.; 1 do for stretchers, 1.00	1 50
"	"	"	1 pr. staples, 20c.; 1 pr. staples & hooks	45
"	"	"	burning 10 mules for lampers, 20c	2 00
"	"	"	repairing irons for wagon	2 00
"	14.	"	2 new plow stocks, 1.25 each	6 25
"	"	"	1 cart bed, wood work	5 00
"	"	"	1 " " ironed	8 00
"	"	"	repairing wagon	10
"	"	"	1 ferrel on hoe handle	10
			Amount carried forward	236 23

116 *Buck Hall shop %*—Continued.

1868.			Am't bro't	263 23
March	19th.	To	1 large hinge, hook & bolt	3 75
"	27.	"	sharpening 2 plows	50
"	28.	"	" " "	25
April	3.	"	3 prs. staples for harrow, 20c	60
"	"	"	pointing 1 plow	50
"	"	"	repairing 3 harrows & 1 wagon	4 12
"	"	"	1 wagon double-tree	75
"	7.	"	putting on tire, 1.50; drawing bolster, 1.00	2 50
"	"	"	drawing 1 double-tree, 1.25; 1 lap-ring, 20c	1 45
"	"	"	2 bolts, rivets, & band on harrow	1 25
"	12.	"	2 hame hooks, 1.00; sharpening 2 plows, 50c.	1 50
"	16.	"	1 turning plow stock	1 25
"	22.	"	sharpening 2 plows	50
"	"	"	2 bull tongues, 25; 4 sweeps, 1.20	1 45
"	"	"	laying 1 scrape	1 00
"	"	"	1 point in 292	1 00
"	24.	"	handle on round on sweep	52
"	"	"	1 " " beam in bull tongue	25
"	"	"	1 round in turning plow	15
"	"	"	sharpening 2 scrapers, 25	50
"	27.	"	repairing wagon, iron-work	14 00
"	"	"	sharpening 2 scrapers	50
"	"	"	3 links chain	37
May	2.	"	1 wagon tongue	1 50
"	9.	"	shoeing horse before	1 25
"	"	"	2 bolts, 50c	1 00
"	"	"	2 " 30c	60
"	"	"	sharpening 2 plows	50
"	14.	"	strapping buggy tongue	5 00
"	"	"	1 hook & pr. staples	50
			Amount carried forward	$285 24

117 *Buck Hall shop %c*—Continued.

	Am't bro't	285	24
1868.			
May 14.	To sharpening 7 plows, 25c	1	75
" 18.	" 6 sweeps, @ 30c	1	80
" "	" sharpening 1 plow		25
" "	" putting on 2 buggy tires	3	00
" "	" sharpening 1 plow		25
" "	" repairing 2 buggy wheels	2	50
" 20.	" 1 buggy wrench	2	50
" 26.	" sharpening 6 plows, @ 25c	1	50
" "	" mending clevis		12
" 30.	" sharpening 6 plows, @ 25c	1	50
" "	" heel bolt, 50c.; 1 hame, hook, & staple, 50	1	00
June 3.	" repairing 2 plows		80
" "	" sharp'ng 10 plows, 25, 2.50; 3 pr. staples, 60	3	10
" 6.	" " sweep, 30c		30
" 14.	" " 3 plows, 25		75
" "	" pointing 1 plow, 50, & 1 staple, 12		62
" 16.	" sharp'ng 3 sweeps, 90c., 2 taps for cradles, 50c	1	40
" 20.	" 1 single horse plow & beam		50
" 25.	" sharpening 6 plows, @ 25	1	50
" "	" putting 2 bolts & taps in wagon	1	50
" "	" repairing 2 cradles	2	00
" 27.	" 1 sweep stock	1	25
July 1.	" sharpening 4 plows	1	00
" "	" 1 staple & loggerhead in hame		50
" "	" 1 new sweep rod		75
" "	" making 1 staple		50
" 14.	" 1 hame hook		50
" "	" 1 scraper handle		20
Aug. 1	" 1 " staple		25
" 4	" wood work on wagon	3	00
	Amount carried forward	322	13

118 *Buck Hall shop %c*—Continued.

	Amt. bro't	322	13
1868.			
August 9th.	To ironing wagon bed	15	00
" "	" making 1 single tree	1	50
" "	" " 1 hasp & staple		25
" 16.	" sharpening 1 sweep, 1.20; loggerhead staple, 50	1	70
" "	" splicing rods & taps		50
" "	" making 1 tumbler for cart	1	00
" 24.	" " 2 hooks "	1	00
" "	" repairing hames & breast-chain	1	00
" "	" cutting & welding tire	1	50

"	"	"	filling 1 wagon wheel	3 00
"	28.	"	repairing 2 plows & 1 staple	75
"	"	"	shoeing horse, 1.25; repairing wagon box, 3.00.	4 25
Sept.	1.	"	mending pin for press	25
"	"	"	sharpening cold chisel	12
"	"	"	making 1 key for stock lock	1 00
"	7.	"	wagon body, 8.25; repairing wagon body, 1.75.	10 00
"	"	"	cutting & repairing frame	50
"	"	"	ironing wagon body	21 00
"	19.	"	making latches & nails for gate	4 75
"	"	"	" 1 staple & latch	20
"	28.	"	repairing wagon	10 00
"	29.	"	" 1 front wheel to wagon	2 25
"	"	"	1 bolster	1 50
"	"	"	putting cap on axletree	1 00
Oct.	7.	"	shoeing 1 horse before	1 25
"	"	"	making irons & bolts for press, 2.24	56 00
"	12.	"	repairing screw	1 50
Nov.	5.	"	hooping tub	35
"	7.	"	repairing breast-chains	75
"	13.	"	making 1 key for lock	1 00
				466 82

119 1868. *Buck Hall shop %*—Continued.

			Am't bro't	
Nov.	28.	To	making & ironing 2 prs. hames	3 00
Dec.	5.	"	repairing wagon	2 50
"	"	"	" 4-horse wagon	3 50
"	"	"	making tongue	1 50
"	"	"	" new pair hames	1 75
"	"	"	plate for band shaft	1 50
"	"	"	1 pr. hames	3 00
"	"	"	1 bed for axletree	1 00
				$484 77

Rec'ed payment when this account is homologated and made judgment of court.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor*,
For VANCE & HAYNES.

V. 22. Articles purchased for S. E. Vance:

3 skeins silk thread & buttons	1 50
Making blue dress josie	2 50
7 yds. blue marine binding	70
1 balmoral, 2.50; making same, 25	2 75
To making and altering underclothing	3 50
1 pr. shoes, $2.50; 5 yds. dela'ne, 2.50	5 00
Seamstress for making dress	1 00

Paper, 1.00; theatre, .75; 1 pr. gaiters, 2.50.....	4 25
Darning.....	25
	21 25
Board & tuition from Nov. 10, '68, to M'ch 3d, '69....	95 70
	$116 95

Rec'ed payment in full.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

" 23. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co., Dr.*

10 bbls. cliff lime, @ 2.25.....	23 50
Insurance on $25 @ 2¼ %.....	56
Commissions, 2½ %.....	59
	24 65

Str. Caroline, New Orleans, Nov. 20, '68.

120 V. 24. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co., Dr.*

S. W. V., Buck Hall:

9 kegs nails, 2–6, 2–8, 2–10, 2–12, 1–20, @ 5.35.....	48 15
Drayage to steamer.....	30
Insurance on $55, @ 1¼ %.....	84
Commission, @ 2½ %.....	1 21
	$50 50

June 3d, 1868. Paid.

" 25. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co., Dr.*

S. W. Vance, Buck Hall:

250 s'cks white corn, 557.48 bush's, @ 1.08.....	602 49
10 bbls. mess pork, 26.75.....	267 50
Drayage to steamer.....	9 20
Insurance on $965, @ 2¼ %.....	21 71
Commission, 2½ %.....	21 97
	$922 87

New Orleans, La., April 4th, 1868.

10 % of the usual card rate of freight to be deducted for stern-wheel boat to com. for the difference in insurance .

" 26. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co., Dr.*

150 s'cks yellow corn, 23,635, or 422 3/56 bush., 96c.....	405 17
4 " salt, 1.95.....	7 80
Drayage to steamer.....	8 90

Insurance $465, @ 1¾ %	8 13
Commission, 2½ %	10 85
	$440 55

(Care of Dr. McCormick, Cain's l'd'g.)
New Orleans, March 4th, 1868.

" 27. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co.*

10 sacks coarse salt, 2.20	22 00
Insurance $25, @ 2¼ %	56
Commission, @ 2½ %	55
	$23 11

Per str. Pioneer.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 30th, 1868.

121 V. 28. *Buck Hall plantation in account with S. W. Vance.*

1868.				
Aug.	7th.	To 384 feet scaff'lding		5 76
"	13.	" 550 " "		8 25
"	25.	" 491 " rough edge		3 68
"	"	"1,640 " lumber		24 60
Sept.	1.	"1,800 " inch plank		27 00
"	7.	" 800 " " "		12 00
"	9.	" 600 " " "		7 50
"	"	" 250 " " "		3 75
"	10.	"1,100 " " "		21 00
"	12.	" 836 " oak lumber		16 72
Dec.	12.	"1,073 " lumber		16 09
				$146 35

Rec'ed payment when this account is filed and made judgment of court, said lumber being sawed at tutor's mill.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

" 29. *Plaindealing plantation in % with S. W. Vance.*

1868.						
July	27.	To 1,274	feet	lumber, @	$1½	18 10
Aug.	2.	" 854	"	"	"	12 81
Sept.	1.	" 200	"	oak,	$2	4 00
"	10.	" 400	"	lumber,	$1½	6 00
"	21.	" 600	"	"	"	9 00
Oct.	15.	" 84	"	"	"	1 26
						$51 17

Rec'ed payment when judgment is recorded.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

" 30. Articles purchased by S. E. Vance from M'ch 6, 1869, to July 14th, 1869:

1 p'r shoes, 2.50; freight & drayage on box toys to R. Co., 75	3 25
1 pack'ge envelopes	85
Amount carried forward	$4 10

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Am't bro't forward	4 10
11 yds. calico, 2.20; 3 yds. Union linen, 1.95	4 15
1 p'r gaiters, 3.00; 12 yds. linen lawn, 7.70	10 70
1 hat, 5.00; 6½ yds. organdie muslin, 4.87½	9 87½
Green fringe, bolt ribbon, 3 skeins silk, 2½ yds. muslin	3 27½
To making the two dresses	5 00
" " lawn dress, with 'callops, collar, & cuffs	1 15
" " 1 lawn & 2 calicoes	2 25
" red embroidery cotton	10
" gaiters, 2.25; shoes, 2.00; making apron, 35	4 60
" thread, hooks & eyes & card	1 00
" altering, mending & darning	2 25
" arithmetic	1 00
" music, 7 pieces infantile exercise, with freight	3 45
" copy-book, letter & composition paper	50
" 1 vial medicine	1 00
	54 70
To Mrs. Blanchard for tuition of music, 2 mos	20 00
" am't due L. A. Hunter on clothing bill	4 70
" " " " tuition & board	6 40
Total both a/cs	85 80
Am't due Mrs. L. A. Hunter	31 10

Rec'ed payment in full.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

V. 31. BOSSIER P'H, LA., *July 19th*, 1869.

Received of Miss S. E. Vance, minor, one hundred & twenty-nine & $\frac{93}{100}$ dollars in full, tax due the State of Louisiana on the tableaux of assessment for 1867.

(Signed) L. C. RASBERRY,
State Tax Coll'r.

V. 32. BUCK HALL PLANTATION,
July 9th, 1869.

Rec'ed S. W. Vance the sum of forty dollars for sharpening gin on this place.

(Signed) WM. COOPER.

123 V. 33. $4.00.] PARISH OF CADDO, *July 2d*, 1869.

Rec'ed of S. W. Vance four dollars, in full of his special tax of one per cent. on the assessment on 1867.

(Signed) J. N. HOWELL,
per STURGESS,
Tax Collector & Assessor.

V. 34. BUCK HALL, *June 16th*, 1869.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of thirty dollars, for getting 6,000 boards for covering two double cabins on this place, for York Jackson & Sandy Gilmer.

(Sign'd) WASHINGTON his + mark DUDLEY.

" 35. BUCK HALL, *June 16th*, 1869.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars in full for building two houses on this place (double houses.)

(Signed) WILLIAM his + mark WALKER.

Attest:
(Signed) W. C. VANCE.

" 36. PARISH OF CADDO, *July 2d*, 1869.

Rec'ed of S. E. Vance twenty-five cents in full of her levee, interest fund, and internal improvement tax, for the year 1868.

(Signed) J. N. HOWELL, *Collector*,
p'r STURGESS.

" 37. PARISH OF CADDO, *July 2d*, 1869.

Rec'ed of S. E. Vance seventy cents in full of her State, parish, & poll tax for the year 1868.

(Signed) J. N. HOWELL, *Colletor.*
p'r STURGESS.

" 38. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co. (per str. Lafourche).*

50 sacks white corn, 99 bu. 36 @ 97½	97	15
7 rolls bagging, 700 y'ds, @ 23½	164	50
25 bundles iron ties, 1,400, 7c	98	00
6 hanks twine, 12, 24c	2	88
Drayage to steamer	2	40
Insurance on 400, 1¾	7	00
Commissions 2½	9	12
	381	05
124 Amount brought forward	381	05
Amount due by minor for corn	97	15
Bagging $162.50, ½ due by freedmen	82	25
Ties $98.00 ½ " "	49	00

Twine $2.88	½ "	"	.....	1 44
"	"	"	.....	2 40
"	"	"	.....	16 12
		Total amount due minor S. E. Vance.....		248 36

39 & 40. Rec'ed from S. W. Vance, tutor, the sum of two hundred dollars for teaching Sarah E. Vance one session, 1866 and 1867.

(Signed) JANE BENEDICT.

41. Rec'ed from Dr. Vance, Sept., 1869, one hundred and forty dollars, ($140) for tuition for Sarah E. Vance.

(Signed) L. A. HUNTER,

42. *Buck Hall plantation in account with S. W. Vance.*

1868.			
Sept. 10.	To 1 pinion 66, @ 10c		6 60
Oct. 22.	" 4 sacks salt, 3.50		14 00
Nov. 9.	" 10 feet four-inch belting, 10s		12 50
" "	" 2 hanks twine, 6s.....		1 50
" "	" freight and charges on box & trunk		1 50
M'ch 4.	" Lizzie Tate, corn & pork.....		19 00
" 8.	" National, "		58 50
July 15.	" expenses of A. G. Teague, going to Natchitoches and bringing her home, 1869.....		57 30
" "	" hauling lumber to this place, 11 loads, and building cabin, 10.00		110 00
" 24,	20 y'ds bleached domestic, 24c		4 80
" "	2 pieces prints, 18 × 17½.....		3 15
" "	2 p'rs shoes.....		5 75
" "	expenses tutor carrying minor to school.....		43 00
			337 60

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

125 Let notices of the foregoing account be published in the Bossier Banner, as the law directs.

Signed officially this 6th day of October, 1869.

(Signed) L. W. BAKER,
Bossier Parish Judge.

In parish court of Bossier Parish.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR S. E. VANCE. } 1367.

In this cause by reason of the law and the evidence, and by further reason of the publication 2d annual account, for the legal length of time in the Bossier Banner, a public newspaper published in the parish weekly, and

there being no opposition, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said 2d annual account be homologated and made the judgment of the court.

Thus done and signed in open court this 10th Nov., A. D. 1869.

(Signed) L. W. BAKER,
Parish Judge.

Duly recorded in probate record book E, on pages 441 & 442 & 443. Witness my hand and seal of office this 10th day of Nov., 1869.

(Signed) A. A. MORRIS,
D'y Clerk.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 5th, 1869. (Signed) A. A. Morris, d'y clerk.

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence and marked C. Oct. 22d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

Petition 3d annual ℅, vouchers, order, and judgment.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

District court, parish of Bossier.

To the honorable the parish judge of the 10th judicial district court:

126 Your petitioner respectfully represents that he herewith files his third annual account as natural tutor to his minor child, Sarah E. Vance. Petitioner prays that after the legal notices and delays the statement or account be approved, homologated, and made the judgment of the court. He prays that Peach R. Gilmer, of this State and parish, as under tutor to said minor, be duly notified of the filing of this account; and further prays for all rules, notices, orders, and decrees, needful in the premises, and for general relief.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

I have examined this account with accompanying vouchers and find them all correct, and duly approve the same, and waive notice of the filing of the same this 13th day of June, 1870.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

Sarah E. Vance, minor, in ℅ with S. W. Vance, natural tutor.

Names of creditors in this account.

V. No.		
1.	S. W. Vance	2,465 89
2.	"	1,105 73
3.	Frank Ward	80 00
4.	Thornton Lampkin	50 00
5.	S. W. Vance, saw mill ℅	499 34
6.	John Fop	14 00
7.	James O'Rourke	345 00

	8. Thos. N. Braden	12 70
	9. James O'Rourke, agent	80 00
	10. Walter Brooks	392 00
	11. W. H. Scanland	6 00
127	12. Aaron Goza	1,260 00
	13. Taylor Cegurs	50 00
	14. John Fop & Daniel Cook	50 00
	15. Taylor Cegurs	45 00
	16. Solomon Willis	28 75
	17. Parish tax 1868	302 03
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	19. Convention tax 1868	12 99
	20. Freight bill st'r Jefferson	50 00
	21. Frank Ward	29 50
	22. Isam Goodlett	21 00
	23. Walter Brooks	110 00
	24. T. N. Braden	21 90
	25. State, school, & income	154 09
	26. George Hiddleston	285 00
	27. Horan & Buckner	45 00
	28. Miss Laura Hunter	336 85
	29. do. do.	110 00
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	37. H. W. Farley & Co	129 59
	38. S. W. Vance, tutor	440 58
	39. Calvin Jones & Lewis Jackson	84 00
	40. State & parish taxes, Caddo	5 40
		$9,964 54

CREDITS.

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	By rent of Plaindealing, 100 acres, @ 2.00 pr. acre	200 00
		7,863 64

Leaving a balance due tutor of two thousand and one hundred & $\frac{90}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

V. 1. *S. E. Vance, minor, in account with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

To amount due on 2d annual account $2,465 49

2. *S. E. Vance, minor, in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

To commission in 2d annual account filed April, 1868, on $11,057.33 @ 10 %..... $1,105 73

3. $80.00. Received from S. W. Vance the sum of eighty dollars in U. S. currency, for carpenter work done on Buck Hall plantation to June 6th, 1870.

(Signed) FRANK his + mark. WARD.

" ISAM his + mark. GOODLET.

4. $50.00. Received from S. W. Vance the sum of fifty dollars; for twenty bushels of corn, 30.00, and twenty days' hauling, $20,00, in U. S. currency, June 6th, 1870.

(Signed) THORNTON his + mark. LUMPKIN.

5. *Buck Hall plantation to S. W. Vance, Dr.*

1869.			
March 27th.		To 3,156 feet lumber.	
"		" 700 " "	
Apr. 2		" 800 " "	
" 6		" 850 " "	
" "		" 1,000 " "	
" 10		" 1,253 " "	
" 14		" 1,180 " "	

129 *Lumber ac't*—continued.

1868.			
April 23d.		1,025 feet lumber.	
" "		1,163 " "	
" "		975 " "	
May 3.		1,183 " "	
" 8.		1,100 " "	
" 12.		1,270 " "	
" "		1,080 " "	
" 15.		1.000 " "	
" 26.		1,230 " "	
" 30.		800 " "	
June 2.		1,000 " "	
" 7.		990 " "	
" 9.		1,000 " "	
" 12.	Rough edge	2,000 " "	

Total No. feet..... 24,964 @ 2.00 per hundred..... $499 34

6. Received from S. W. Vance the sum of fourteen dollars, for work

	8. Thos. N. Braden	12 70
	9. James O'Rourke, agent	80 00
	10. Walter Brooks	392 00
	11. W. H. Scanland	6 00
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"	30.			800	" "
June	2.			1,000	" "
"	7.			990	" "
"	9.			1,000	" "
"	12.	Rough edge		2,000	" "

Total No. feet..... 24,964 @ 2.00 per hundred..... $499 34

6. Received from S. W. Vance the sum of fourteen dollars, for work

done on two cisterns, and fixing backs in dwelling-house chimney, Nov. 12th, 1869.

(Signed) JOHN his + mark FOP.

7. $345.00] BUCK HALL PLANTATION, *Nov.* 2d, 1869.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of three hundred and forty-five dollars in currency, for ditching Williams Bayou, on Buck Hall Plantation, one hundred and fifteen rods, at three dollars p'r rod.

(Signed) JAMES O'ROUKE.

Attest: (Signed) H. W. OGDEN.

8. *Tutorship of Sarah E. Vance to Thomas N. Braden, c'k, Dr.*

1869.			
October	. To filing cer't. & registering 2d ann'l account		60
"	" issuing advertisement to Banner		1 00
			1 60

130 *Thomas A. Braden's %*—cont.

	Am't bro't forward		1 60
Novem.	18. Filing 42 vouchers in evidence		4 20
"	" Set. cause, not'c', order, jud't, hom'g't'		1 40
"	" Recording petition, %, order, & judg't		2 00
"	29. Copy final %		2 50
			12 70

9. BUCK HALL, *Decem. 5th*, 1869.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of eighty dollars for cutting ditch on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) JAMES O'ROUKE.

10. Amount paid by different parties for work done on levee between Buck Hall and Cash Point plantation:

S. W. Vance, natural tutor for S. E. Vance	372 00
Building fence on levee	20 25
Due tutor by minor	392 25
Jas. B. Pickett, sub'p	250 00
Walsh & Boissean	250 00
P. V. O'Neil	250 00
	1,142 25

$1,142.25.] BUCK HALL PLANT., *Nov. 10th*, 1869.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of eleven hundred & forty-two & $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars, for work on fence on top of levee.

(Signed) WALTER BROOKS.

11. *Dr. S. W. Vance to W. H. Scanland, Dr.*

1869. To ad't 2d annual account as natural tutor for the minor S. E. Vance, five insertions..... 6 00

(Signed) W. H. SCANLAND.

Rec'ed payment in full.

131 V. 12. $1,260.00.] OCTOBER 25TH, 1869.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of twelve hundred and sixty dollars, in U. S. currency, in full for seven mules sold him this day for the Buck Hall plant.

(Signed) AARON GOZA.

" 13. APRIL 10TH, 1870.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of fifty dollars, for building a cistern and chimney on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) TAYLOR his + mark. CEGURS.

" 14. BUCK HALL, *Novem. 12th*, 1869.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of fifty dollars, for building four chimneys.

(Signed) JOHN his + mark. FOP.

" DANIEL his + mark. COOK, by John Fop.

" 15. $45.50. BUCK HALL, *March 6th*, 1870.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of forty-five $\frac{50}{100}$, dollars for brick work done on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) TAYLOR his + mark. CEGURS.

16. $28.75.] BUCK HALL, *March 8th*, 1870.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty-eight & $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars, for twenty-three bushels of corn, in the year 1869.

(Sig'd) SOL his + mark. WILLIS.

17. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *March 9th*, 1870.

Rec'ed of Miss M. E. Vance, S. W. Vance, tutor, three hundred & two & $\frac{03}{100}$ dollars, in full, for taxes for the parish for 1868.

(Signed) L. C. RASBERY, *Collector*.

132 V. 18. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Novem. 20th*, 1869.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance, tutor, for Miss S. E. Vance, minor, two hundred & fifteen $\frac{37}{100}$ dollars, for her State, school, interest, improvement, levee, special, and poll tax; also the taxes on gross sales, income,

&c., due to the State of Louisiana on the tableau of assessment for the year 1867, the special tax having been paid & receipted.

(Signed) L. C. RASBERRY,
S't Collector.

" 19. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *May 6th*, 1868.

$12.99. Rec'ed of S. W. Vance, tutor to the minor S. E. Vance, the sum of twelve & $\frac{99}{100}$ dollars in full of the State constitutional convention tax, levied by an ordinance of said convention adopted Dec. 24th, 1867.

(Signed) W. H. HILL, *Collector.*
P'r R. B. TAYLOR, *D'y.*

" 20. BUCK HALL, *February*, 1870.

To st'r Jefferson, Dr.

To freight on 5,000 bricks, @ 10.00 ..... 50 00

(Signed) DENNY, *C'k.*

" 21. BUCK HALL, *Jan. 29th*, 1870.

$29.50. Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty-nine & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars for building house, making band shaft, & fixing press on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) FRANK his + mark WARD.

" 22. BUCK HALL, *January 29th*, 1870.

$21.00. Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty-one dollars, for building house, band shaft, and fixing press on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) JAMES his + mark GOODLETT.

" 23. BUCK HALL, LA., *Nov. 27th*, 1879.

Rec'ed from Dr. S. W. Vance the sum of one hundred
133 dollars, for board for hands on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) WALTER BROOKS.

" 24. *Tutorship of the minor S. E. Vance to Thos. N. Braden, c'k, Dr.*

1868.

April	20.	To filing 1st Sept. account		60
"	"	" issuing advertisement to Banner		1 00
"	"	" filing 88 vouchers in ev'd'ce		8 80
"	"	" judgment homologating %c		1 00
"	"	" recording acc't & judgm't		5 25
May	21.	" copy of %c, p'r order		4 75
"	"	" certificate & seal furnished		50
				21 90

Rece'd payment of S. W. Vance, tutor.

(Signed) T. N. BRADEN, *C'k,*
Per S. FLEMING.

" 25. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Nov. 20th*, 1869.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance, tutor for Miss S. E. Vance, one hundred & fifty-four & $\frac{09}{100}$ dollars, in full for her taxes, school, internal improvement, land, and poll taxes, also the taxes on gross sales, income, &c., due to State of Louisiana on the tableau of assessment for the year 1868.

(Signed) L. C. RASBERRY,
State Collector.

" 26. BUCK HALL PLANT., *May 9th*, 1870.

Messrs. Hamilton & Co., Shreveport, La., will pay to the (name not remembered) the sum of two hundred & sixty dollars in U. S. currency, for building flat-boat, provided Mr. Chapman will accept same. Will pay you in a few days.

Respectfully, &c.,
(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

This boat, unless bottom-pitched in full in contract, not received by me. Mr. Chapman will examine & receive according.
(S'g'd) S. W. VANCE.

134. V. 27. SHREVEPORT, LA., *April 2d*, 1870.

Dr. Vance bought of Horan & Buckner:

1 set of harness	45 00

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) HORAN & BUCKNER.

" 28. S. E. Vance.—Expenses:

1 set of copy plates, 2.40; stationery, 1.50	$3 90
5th Reader & envelopes	2 30
18 y'ds calico, 3.60; hat, 5.50	9 10
Green poplin & plaid trimming	8 50
1 pr. shoes, 3.00; 1 pr. gloves	1 25
5 y'ds unbleached cotton, 1.10; ½ doz. stocking, 5.50	6 60
8 " mozambique & buc'ram to face same	5 00
8 " sash & belt ribbon	3 45
1 vial liquid bronze, 50; 3 prs. shoes, 7.50	8 00
Tickets to circus & fair	1 50
Making 3 calico dresses & 1 poplin	5 25
Sewing silk & thread	1 25
Making mozambique dress, 2.50; fine comb, 50	3 00
1 pr. mits, 1.00	1 00
Cough mixture	1 75
Board & tuition, 8 months	200 00
Music	64 00
Use of piano	8 00
	$336 85

Rece'd payment in full, May 17th, 1870.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

29. For Sallie Vance:

3 mos. tuition	84 00
" " music	26 00
	110 00

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

135 30. BUCK HALL PLANT., *May 22d*, 1870.

Rec'd from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty-two & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, for fifteen bushels of corn this day sold him. $22.00.

(Signed) HENRY his + mark. GATES.

31. SHREVEPORT, *Feb'y 12th*, 1870.

Dr. S. W. Vance, pr. A. L. Chapman, bought of W. S. Haven:

1 doz. p'r 7-feet trace chains	12 00
" " blind bridles	12 00
" " rods & hames	6 00
	30 00

Rec'd payment.
(Signed) W. S. HAVEN.

32. *Buck Hall pl't to S. W. Vance, Dr.*

1870.				
January.	To 1,189 feet of lumber, @	$2\frac{1}{2}$		29 72
"	" 300 " " "	$1\frac{1}{2}$		4 50
March	" 5,254 " " "	$2\frac{1}{2}$		131 35
April	" 820 " " "			20 50
				$186 07

33. BUCK HALL, *June 7th*, 1870.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance this day the sum of seven hundred and fifty-six dollars, for ditching done on the Buck Hall plantation in the months of May and June.

(Signed) THOS. his + mark. HADEN.

" JOHN his + mark. L. LOONEY.

Attest: (Signed) JOS. W. GUNTER.

BUCK HALL, *May 3d*, 1870,

S. W. Vance to st'r La Belle, Dr.

To freight on 25 sacks oats 18 75

Paid by Walsh & Boisseau.
(Signed) N. A. ROSE, *Agent.*

136 35. BUCK HALL, *Decem. 21st*, 1869.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty-one dollars, for board' ditchers on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) WALTER BROOKS.

36. BUCK HALL, *August 23d*, 1869.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of one hundred & eighty dollars, for a brown mare mule, this day, named Vick.

(Signed) J. B. WELCH.

37. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co.*

M'k'd S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, Red River.

50 sacks corn, wh't, 167 $\frac{3}{5}$ bush., $1.15	123 12
Drayage to steamer	1 60
Insurance on $140, @ 1$\frac{1}{4}$	1 75
Commission 2$\frac{1}{2}$	3 12
	$129 59

Pr. st'r Jefferson.

NEW ORLEANS, *January 24th*, 1870.

38. BUCK HALL, *May 6th*, 1870.

S. E. Vance in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.

1870, Jan. 11th.	H. W. Farley & Co., corn, oats, &c	307 26
" "	Plows, &c	83 47
"	Freight, st'r Jefferson	49 85
		440 58

39. BUCK HALL, *June 11th*, 1870.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of eighty-four dollars in U. S. currency, for whitewashing Buck Hall quarters.

(S'g'd) CALVIN his + mark JONES.

Attest: (Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

40. The State of Louisiana, parish of Caddo. Parish and State taxes for 1869.

SHREVEPORT, *June 18th*, 1870.

137 Received from Miss S. E. Vance, S. W. Vance, ag't, the sum of five & $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars, amount of State & parish taxes due for the year 1869, on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof in accordance with law.

$5.40.] (Signed) GEO. L. SMITH,
State Collector P'h of Caddo.

Order.

Let the publication of the filing of the within answer be made as the law directs, and let the under-tutor have notice. Done and signed officially this 16th day of June, 1870.

(Signed) L. W. BAKER,
Bossier Parish Judge.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR S. E. VANCE.

Third annual account for homologation.

In this cause, by reason of the law and the evidence, the acceptance of service of the undertutor, due publication having been made, and the vouchers supporting said account all being correct, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said account be homologated and approved, and the same is hereby made the judgment of the court on this 15th day of November, A. D. 1871.

(Signed) L. W. BAKER,
Bossier P'h Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 16th, 1870. (Signed) T. N. Braden, c'k.
(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence and marked D October 22d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d't c't.

Vouchers 1 to 4, supporting another account, also marked "3d annual" (which account was never homologated), filed in evidence and
138 marked D. (See "T," pages 277 to 300.)

Petition, 4th ann' account, vouchers, order, judgment, &c.

PETITION.

District court, parish of Bossier.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR SARAH E. VANCE.

To the hon. parish judge of the 10th judicial district court:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that he herewith files in court his fourth annual account as natural tutor to his minor child, Sarah E. Vance.

Your petitioner represents that in previous accounts filed in court that he has accounted in full for all property, proceeds of same belonging to his said minor child. Your petitioner prays that, after legal notices and delays, the statement or account be approved, homologated, and made the judgment of the court. He prays that Peach R. Gilmer, as undertutor to the said minor, be duly notified of the filing of this account, and further prays for all rules, notices, orders, and decrees needful in the premises and for general relief.

August 22d, 1872.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

I have examined this account, with the accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct, and fully approve the same this 22d day of August, 1872.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

139 *S. E. Vance, minor, in % with natural tutor, S. W. Vance.*

Names of creditors in this account.

Vouch'r 1.	Balance due tutor in last 3d annual account, filed August 17th, 1871	$3,440 05
2.	Tutor's account	438 22
3.	Buck Hall saw-mill %	431 30
4.	Amount freedmen hauling corn	10 00
5.	A. L. Chapman, sup'rt plantation	750 00
6.	Jeff. Watson, bill work on chimney	12 50
7.	Cooper & Grimes, for mules	540 00
8.	Gabrie Galinci, feeding mules	125 00
9.	St. boat Clifford, freight on brick	20 00
10.	Leonard Cook, tin bill	25 45
11.	C. J. Perkins, for mules	600 00
12.	Russell Turner, work on plantation	8 00
13.	McElhany & other Irishmen, ditching	409 75
14.	R. G. Hall, mules	650 00
15.	Cristine Caloograe, alias Mrs. Victor	53 80
16.	T. N. Braden, cl'k court	18 00
19.	S. W. Jones, shingles	8 25
20.	W. H. Scanland, advertising	4 00
21.	Parish taxes, J. A. Herron	169 65
22.	State taxes "	492 00
23.	H. W. Farley & Co., oats	106 33
24.	John Smith, boring well	108 00
25.	Geo. W. Sentell & Co., corn, 1871	83 90
26.	H. W. Farley & Co., " 1870	641 88
27.	Freight bill, st. boat May Lowry	27 75
28.	Marshall McGovern, building chimney, &c	60 00
29.	" " " "	32 00
30.	Lawrence Castell, ditching	25 00
140 Voucher 31.	W. R. Prather, saw-mill	81 58
32.	Buck Hall, plant. % S. W. Vance & Co	1,804 64
33.	John Culleton, ditching	25 00
34.	G. W. Sentell Co., baling & ties	183 00
35.	" pork	152 00
36.	" corn, hay & oats	525 00
37.	Blacksmith % B. H. & S. W. Vance	422 35
38.	Miss Belle Pratt, teaching	58 13
39.	Freight, st. boat Clifford	76 70
40.	Geo. L. Smith	4 30
41.	Edward Staples, topping press	46 25
42.	Rosin Lumpkins, ditching	36 25

43. Sale & Murphy, freight bills	38 50
44. John J. Hovan, wagon line	2 00
Amount due tutor being	$12,747 06

CREDITS.

By ½ interest in 135 b. c. nett proceeds, being $10,318.02 ÷2=	$5,195 01
Rent of plantation in Alabama, 1870	423 75
" " " 1871	834 91
Plaindealing plantation, 1871	200 00
Vouchers 26 & 32 in error	2,446 52
	$9,064 19
Leaving a balance due tutor	$3,682 87

VOUCHERS.

1. S. E. Vance, minor, in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.
To balance due on 3d last account filed August 17th, 1871 $3,440 05
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

141 V. 2.—*S. E. Vance, minor, in account with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

1871.	To cash paid st. bt. Texas, freight	10 00
" " "	freedmen picking cotton	40 00
" " " "	for corn	110 00
" " " "	driving gin	45 00
" " " "	ginning cotton	64 36
" " " "	splitting rails	22 50
1872. " " " "	" "	21 50
" " " "	getting boards	13 50
1871.	Cotton bought of freedmen & shipped to N. O., % minor	111 36
		438 22

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

3. *Bill of lumber got by Dr. S. W. Vance from Vance's mill,* 1870, 1871, & 1872, *up to March 12th,* 1872.

Buck Hall:

1870, Oct.	3d.	To 4	sills,	8x10x22	587 feet.
"	"	2	"	8x10x20	266 "
"	"	2	"	6x8x24	172 "
"	"	2	"	4x6x22	88 "
"	11th.	" 4	"	6x8x24	384 "
"	"	8	"	4x6x22	352 "
"	"	9	"	4x6x13	234 "
"	"	2	"	2x4x16	21 "
"	"	1	lot plank,	1x12x20	1,000 "

"	14.	"	30 pieces,	1x12x20	600	"
"		"	13 rafters,	3x4x18	234	"
"		"	3 pieces,	1x12x18	54	"
"		"	56 " w. b'd,	1x5½x18	525	"
"		"	20 studding,	3x4x12	240	"
"		"	33 rafters,	3x4x16	528	"
"		"	3 pieces,	1x14x18	213	"
"		"	3 "	1x12x16	48	"
Nov.	2.	"	1 lot plank,		315	"

142 *Lumber &c*—Continued.

1870, Nov.	2d.	To	rough edge,		400	feet.
"		"	rafters & studding,		384	"
"		"	weatherboarding,		227	"
"		"	4 pieces,	4x6x22	176	"
"		"	4 "	4x6x16	64	"
"	16th.	"	1 lot w. b'd & scantling,		1,030	"
"	18.	"	70 pieces,	1x7x20	816	"
"	"	"	35 "	2x3x16	280	"
Decem.	6.	"	1 lot plank,	1x12x20	1,000	"
"	"	"	" " "	1x12x18	396	"
"	"	"	1 " "	1½x14x18	485	"
"	20.	"	1 " 38 pieces,	1½x6x12	342	"
"	"	"	1 " 39 "	1x12x12	468	"
1871, Jan.	11.	"	27 pieces,	1x9x18	284	"
"	16.	"	50 "	1x6x18	450	"
"	20.	"	6 "	4x6x13	156	"
"	"	"	20 "	1x6x18	180	"
"	"	"	2 "	2x4x14	46	"
M'ch	17.	"	8 oak posts,	6x8x14	448	"
"	"	"	8 rafters,	2x4x16	256	"
Apr.	20.	"	12 planks,	1x12x18	216	"
"	"	"	12 "	1¼x6x20	150	"
"	17.	"	7 "	2x4x12	56	"
"	"	"	2 sleepers,	2x10x14	46	"
"	"	"	3 strips,	1x4x20	200	"
May	23.	"	20 planks,	1x12x14	280	"
July	14.	"	15 "	1x12x20	300	"
"	"	"	26 "	3x4x22	572	"
Aug.	12	"	12 pieces,	1x8x16	288	"
July	15	"	4 "	4x6x26	208	"
"	"	"	2 "	3x5x16	40	"
"	"	"	2 "	5x12x12	120	"

143 *Lumber &c*—Continued.

1871, July	15th.	To	4 p'c's,	3x5x20	100	feet.
"	19.	"	29 "	1¼x6x12	218	"
1872, Jan.	13.	"	44 "	3x4x10	440	"
" "	"	"	13 "	2x8x18	314	"

"	"	"	9	2x6x18	162	"
"	"	"	44	2x4x10	293	"
"	"	"	18	1x12x20	360	"
"	"	"	20	1x12x18	360	"
"	"	"	2	6x10x20	200	"
"	"	"	2	6x10x16	160	"
"	"	"	45	1x12x18	810	"
"	"	"	6	1¼x6x20	75	"
"	"	"	8	1x12x16	128	"
"	"	"	10	1¼x6x20	125	"
"	21.	"	1 lot plank		1,000	"
Feb.	3.	"	weatherb'd'g & scantling		775	"

Total amount for Buck Hall plant..... 21,765
Feet of lumber, @ $2.00 p'r h'd..... 427 30
400 feet rough edge..... 4 00

Total amount due for lumber..... $431 30

Rece'd payment March 14th, 1872.
(Signed) R. W. VANCE.

V. 4. *Amount paid hands for hauling corn from Shady Grove to Buck Hall.*

To	P. Gilmer,	⅔	days.....	2 00
"	July Latson,	½	"	1 00
"	Sandy Gilmer,	½	"	1 50
"	Anderson West,	½	"	1 00
"	Russ Pruner,	⅓	.....	50
"	Sol. Willis,	1	.....	2 00
"	Gabe Gilmer,	1	.....	2 00

$10 00

144 Received payment in full of the above amount.

(Signed) R. his + mark. GILMER.
(") J. his + mark. LATSON.
(") S. his + mark. GILMER.
(") ANDERSON his + mark. WEST.
(") R. his + mark. PRUNER.
(") SOL. his + mark. WILLIS.
(") G. his + mark. GILMER.

V. 5. $750.00.] BUCK HALL, *March 11th*, 1872.
Received from S. W. Vance the sum of seven hundred & fifty dollars, for services rendered on the Buck Hall plantation, the year 1871.
(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

" 6. $12.50.] BUCK HALL, *March 11th*, 1872.
Received from S. W. Vance the sum of twelve and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, for twelve days' work on chimneys on plantation.
(Signed) JEFF. his + mark. WATSON.

" 7. $540.00.]
Rece'ed, Shady Grove, La., February 7th, 1872, of Dr. S. W. Vance five hundred and forty dollars in full payment for three mules bought of us this day.
(Signed) COOPER & GRIMES,
P'r J. A. HOWARD.

" 8. $125.00.] BUCK HALL, *February 6th*, 1872.
Received from S. W. Vance, tutor, the sum of one hundred & twenty-five dollars for feeding mules on Buck Hall plantation, year 1872.
(Signed) GABRIC his + mark. GALINCI.
Attest:
(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

145 V. 9. *S. W. Vance to steamer Clifford, Dr.*

For freight on 1,000 bricks..... 20 00
Paid.
(Signed) SIMPSON.

" 10. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Jan.* 26, 1872.
S. W. Vance, bought of Leonard Cook:

56 feet large gutter, @ 30c.....	16 80
6 sheets small tin.....	90
5 miters.....	1 25
Rep. old gutters.....	6 50

Received payment.
(Signed) L. COOK,
P'r H. SHELLING.

11th. $600.00.] Rece'ed of S. W. Vance a draft on S. W. Sentell & Co. for six hundred dollars in full payment for four mules bought of me this day.
Shady Grove, Jan. 25th, 1872.
(S'g'd) C. J. PERKINS.

12. $8.00.] BUCK HALL, *January 26th*, 1872.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of eight dollars for work done on the Buck Hall plant., year 1871.

(Signed) RUSSEL his + mark. PRUMER.

14. $650.00.] BUCK HALL, *January 18th*, 1872.

Rec'd from S. W. Vance the sum of six hundred & fifty dollars for five mules bought this day.

(S'g'd) R. G. HALL.

13. $409.75.] BUCK HALL, *January 18th*, 1872.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance four hundred & nine & $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars for 145 rods ditching, @ 2.75 p'r rod.

To Hugh McElhanny.....	$87 63	Peter McCarthy.....	83 78
" Laurence Castello.....	$86 78	John Castello.....	96 75

(Signed) HUGH McELHANY.
(") LAURENCE CASTELLO.
(Signed) PETER McCARTHY.
(") JOHN his + mark. CASTELLO.

146 V. 15. *Mrs. Vance to Mrs. Victor, Dr.*

Decem. 23d.

To 2 brown dresses, @ $8.00 p'r dress.....	16 00
" 4 double wrappers, $4 each.....	8 00
" 2 silk overshirts.....	10 00
" 2 white dresses.....	18 00
" 3 yds. white woolen muslin, @ 60c.....	1 80
	$53 80

Rec'd payment.
(Signed) CRISTINE COLOGRAE.

V. 16. *Tutorship of the minor, Sarah E. Vance to Thos. A. Braden, Dr.*

1871.

Aug. 17.	To filing am'd account.....	10
" " "	issuing notice to Banner.....	1 00
Nov. 10.	" filing 80 vouchers.....	8 00
" " "	setting, cause, notice, order, & judg't.....	1 40
" " "	copy of judgment p'r order.....	1 00
" " "	recording account.....	5 50
" " "	" final judgment.....	1 00
		$18 00

Rec'd payment.
(Signed) JAS. R. O'NEAL,
D'y Sheriff.

Nov. 22, '71.

V. 19. SHREVEPORT, *August 9th*, 1871.

S. W. Vance p'r Joe Fleming to T. W. Jones, Dr.

To 1,500 heart shingles, @ 5.50..... $8 25
Rece'd payment by J. Fleming.
(S'g'd)
T. W. JONES,
P'r CHAMBERS.

V. 20. BELLEVUE, LA., *Nov. 4th*, 1871.
$4.00.] Rece'd from S. W. Vance four dollars for advertising acc't in tutorship of Sarah E. Vance.
2 squares, 2 times, @ 1.00 p'r square p'r insertion..... $4 00
Rece'd payment.
(Signed)
W. H. SCANLAND,
P'r B. F. FOOT, *Ag't.*

147 V. 21. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Oct. 17th*, 1871.
Received of S. W. Vance, tutor for S. E. Vance, one hundred & sixty-nine & $\frac{65}{100}$ dollars in full for parish taxes for 1870.
(Signed)
J. A. HERRON,
Collector.

" 22. STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

State taxes for 1870. *Oct. 17th*, 1871.

Received of Miss S. E. Vance, S. W. Vance, tutor, the sum of four hundred & ninety-two dollars, amount of State taxes for the year 1870 on the property, &c., described on the back hereof in accordance with law.
(Signed)
J. A. HERRON,
Collector, Parish of Bossier.

" 23. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley, & Co.*

25 sacks oats, 131.25, @ 77c	101 54
Drayage to steamer	80
Insurance on 115, @ 1¼ %.....	1 43
Commission, 2½ %.....	2 56
	$106 33

" 24. $108.00.] BUCK HALL, *Oct. 23d*, 1871.
Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of one hundred and eight dollars for boring well, &c.
(Signed)
JOHN SMITH,
Ag't for James Luggett.

" 25. Invoice of merchandise purchased by G. W. Sentell & Co., and shipped per steamer Red Cloud to Buck Hall for % of Dr. S. W. Vance:

45 sacks of corn, 5,870, 104^{46} bush., @ 75c.....	78 61
Drayage	2 00
Insurance on 85.00 @ 1½ %.....	1 27
Commission 2½ %.....	2 02
	83 90

NEW ORLEANS, *June 17th*, 1871.

148 V. 26. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co. Dr.*

Mark, S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, Red River.

195 sacks corn, 401, @ 1.52½.....	611 53
Drayage	6 40
Insurance on $680 1¼ %.....	8 50
Commission, 2½ %.....	15 45
	$641 88

27. SHREVEPORT, LA., *April 22d*, 1872.

Dr. S. W Vance to st'r May Lowry, Dr.

To freight on 15 bbls. pork, 18.75; 2 bbls. flour, 2.00..	$20 75
" " " 1 cask bacon, 5.00; 2 kegs lard, 8*s*.....	6 00
" " " 1 case oysters, 4*s*.; 1 case mdze., 4*s*.....	1 00
	$27 75

Rece'd payment by draft on G. W. Sentell Co.
(Signed) WARNER, *Clerk*.

28. $60.] MARCH 17, 1872.
Rece'd from S. W. Vance sixty dollars for work done on cisterns on Buck Hall plant'n.
(Signed) MICHAEL McGOVERN.

29. Rec'd from S. W. Vance the sum of thirty-two dollars for building chimneys on the Buck Hall plantation Feb. 17th, 1872.
(Signed) MICHAEL McGOVERN.

30. $25.00] SHREVEPORT, LA., *May 8th*, 1872.
Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty-five dollars for ditching on the Buck Hall plantation.

(S'g'd) LAWRENCE his + mark. CASTELLO.

Attest:
(S'g'd) CH'S W. COSTY.

31. BUCK HALL, *Feb. 12th*, 1872.

To	500	feet rough-edge by Chapman		5 00
"	200	" lumber		4 00
F. 23.	1,000	" "		20 00
" 29,	484	" "		9 68
" "	1,716	" "		42 90
149		Making the price due for lumber		$81 58

Received payment by draft on G. W. Sentell Co.
(Signed) W. R. PRATHER.

32. SHADY GROVE, LA., *January 1st*, 1872.

Buck Hall plant. bought S. W. Vance & Co.:

	1871.			
May	1.	Merch'd'ze, order Louisa		5 20
July	1.	" " Dick & Mary Gates		3 84
"	16.	Amount paid Henry Lausen, order		13 80
"	"	" " Anderson Gilmer		19 00
Aug.	7.	" " Thomson Lompkin		6 00
"	"	½ keg nails		3 50
"	28.	10 lbs "		70
Sept.	9.	4 boxes axle grease		80
Oct.	20.	13 bushels corn, @ 6*s*		9 75
Nov.	8.	Merch'ze, William Harris		4 00
"	11	1 gall. whiskey		1 25
"	24.	12 bushels corn @ 6*s*		9 00
Dec.	29.	12 " " @ 80c		9 60
		Amount of acc'ts Buck Hall hands to Dec. 29th on book..		1,165 85
		Making total to Decem. 29th, 1871		$1,252 29
	1872.			
Jan.		23d to 5 lb rope 22c		1 10
Feb.		" " 5 y'ds "		30
"	29.	" 230 bushels corn @ 1.00	230	
M'ch	27.	" ½ lb assafœtida		75
"	"	" ½ "		50
		Am't of acc'ts of hands from Decem. 29th to January 1st, '72, transfered to bill now due	319	70
		Total amount due March 28th, 1872		$1,804 64

Transferred to Dr. S. W. Vance account, April 1st, 1872.
(Signed) S. J. ZIEGLER,
For S. W. VANCE CO.

150 V. 33d. $25.00] SHREVEPORT, LA., *May 8th*, 1872.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty-five dollars for ditching on the Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) JOHN his + mark. CULLISON.

Attest:
CHS. W. COSTY.

34. BUCK HALL PLANTATION.

To 5 rolls elephant bagging, 500 y'ds 21c	105 00
" 20 bundles Alg. ties, 1,200 lbs	50 00
Drayage	80
Insurance $470 @ 1½ %	7 05
Commission $425 @ 2½ %	10 63
	183 43

NEW ORLEANS, *July 15th*, 1871.

35. Invoice of merchandise purchased by G. W. Sentell Co. and shipped pr. steamer Texas to Shaddy Grove, Buck Hall, & Coushatta for ⅔ of S. W. Vance, &c.

30 bbls. mess pork @ 14.50	435 00
Drayage	2 40
Insurance 480.00 @ 1⅜ %	7 80
Commission 437 @ 2½ %	10 94
	$456 14
One-third charged to Buck Hall	152 04

36. Invoice of merch'd'ze purchased by G. W. Sentell & Co. and shipped pr. st'r South Western to Buck Hall plantation to ⅔ of Dr. S. W. Vance:

94 sacks corn, 248⅝ bush'ls @ 76c	188 58
10 " oats 52 16/32 " 62c	32 55
10 bales hay, 3,970, $33 per ton	65 50
Drayage	5 50
1 bbl. choice molasses, 45, @ 60c	27 00
Drayage	20
12 (½) half rolls Douglas bagging, 600 @ 17½	105 00
Carried forward	
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20 bundles arrow ties, 1,120 lbs., @ 7c	78 40
Drayage	80
Insurance on $550.00, @ 1⅜ %	8 94
Commission, $503.50, 2½ %	12 59
	525 06

NEW ORLEANS, *May 18th*, 1872.

37 *Buck Hall plant. to S. W. Vance b's. shop, Dr.*

1871.			
Jan.	5th.	To shoeing horse	1 25
"	21st.	" 1 shoe	65
"	"	" shoeing 1 mare	1 25
Feb.	8.	" " 2 horses	2 50

Ap.	8.	" " 2 "		2 50
"	17.	" repairing Choice skiff		75
"	20.	" 1 clevis		75
"	"	" nails 10 c., turning-bolts, 25c		35
"	28.	" shoeing horse		1 25
"	"	" 1 hook		15
"	"	" bridle bits, 50; & latch, 25		75
May	1.	" repairing 1 cart		2 50
"	"	" 2 p'rs hinges		2 50
"	23.	" 2 hooks		1 00
"	27.	" shoeing horse		1 25
June	12.	" repunching shoes		25
July	6.	" shoeing 2 horses		2 50
"	17.	" " 1 "		1 50
Aug.	4.	" repairing wagon		16 00
"	23.	" 4 staples		1 00
"	"	" 1 single-tree		1 25
"	"	" 4 lap rings		1 00
"	31.	" 3 hooks, staples, rings, &c		2 25
"	"	" cutting & shrinking tire		1 50
"	"	" 2 chain links, 30; repairing tongue, 3.50		3 80
		Amt. carried forward		50 45

152 *Buck Hall shop %*—Cont'd.

		Am't bro't forw'd		50 45
Sept.	23.	To 1 p'r hinges, Thomson		1 25
Oct.	2.	" shoeing 1 horse		1 25
"	"	" 2 hooks		25
"	"	" 12 nails		50
"	27.	" shoeing horse		1 25
Nov.	6.	" 1 doz. links		1 50
"	21.	" 14 hooks, 5.25; 3 fellows, 1.50		6 75
"	"	" cutting tire, 1.50; repairing bits, 30		1 80
Dec.	11.	" repairing buggy, 1.50; rep'g fire-dogs, 5.00		6 50
"	22.	" scoop with irons, 16 @ 2 *s*		4 00
"	"	" 1 p'r handles, 70c.; 1 bolt, 25; 1 lap ring, 25		1 20
"	"	" cast-steel knife by ditcher		2 50
		Peach Willis:		
Jan.	5.	To 1 wagon tongue for Prim		5 00
"	30.	" sharpening plow		25
Feb.	8.	" 1 d tree, 1.25; 2 lap rings, 50		1 75
M'ch	9.	" 1 bull tongue, 1.25; 1 stock, 1.50		2 75
"	"	" 1 rod, 75; 1 heel bolt, 50c		1 25
"	"	" 1 p'r staples, 25; clevis & pins, 75		1 00
Sept.	14.	" hinge hooks, 1.25; strapping d tree, 2.00		3 25
		Len O'Neal:		
Jan.	30.	To sharpening plow, 25; 1 single-tree, $1.25		1 50
"	"	" 2 lap rings		50

Anderson Harrison:

Jan.	30.	To 1 set trees, 4.50; 1 lap ring, 25	4	75
Feb.	4.	" 1 plow stock, 1.15; 1 p'r staples, 25	1	40
"	27.	" sharp'g plow, 25; bull tongue, 1.25	1	50
M'ch	2.	" 1 plow stock, 1.50; 1 heel bolt, 50	2	00
"	"	" 1 rod, 75c.; 1 staple, 25	1	00
"	18.	" 1 sweep, 12#, @ 2*s*	3	00
June	4.	" pointing plow		50

153 *Buck Hall shop* %—Cont'd.

Am't bro't forw'd. .....

Anderson Wells:

1871.

Jan.	30.	To laying 1 plow	1	25
"	"	" 1 beam, 50; 1 p'r handles, 50	1	00
"	"	" 1 round		50
Feb.	4.	" sharp'g plow, 25; 1 bolt in wagon, 50		75
"	"	" 3 links, 35; burning lampers, 25		60
"	"	" 1 set tires, 4.50; 1 clevis pin, 75	5	25
"	"	" 1 p'r staples		25
"	27.	" 2 bull-tongues, 1.25	2	50
Mc'h	9.	" 1 heel bolt		50
Apr.	5.	" repairing harrow, 1.65; 1 p'r staples, 25	1	90
"	8.	" 1 scraper	5	00
"	"	" laying plows, 1.25; pointing do., 25 (1 plow)	1	50
"	28.	" sharpening plow		25
June	9.	" repairing sweep, 50; heel bolt, 50	1	00
Aug.	23.	" sharpening 1 sweep		50

Thornton Lumpkins:

Jan.	30.	Sharpening plow		25
Feb.	4.	2 single-trees	2	50
"	"	Repairing d. tree		25
"	"	2 lap rings		50
M'ch	4th.	Plow stock, 1.50; sharpening plow, 25	1	75
"	"	1 p'r staples, 25; repa'r'g 2 taps, 25		50
"	"	Burning lampers, mule		25
"	9.	Sharp'g plow, 25; plow stock, 1.50	1	75
"	"	1 rod, 75c.; heel bolt, 50c.	1	25
"	"	1 p'r staples		25
"	11.	1 plow stock, 1.50; 1 rod, 75	2	25
"	"	1 heel bolt, 50; 1 p'r staples, 25		75
"	15.	1 p'r handles, 50c.; 1 block 15c.		65
Apr.	26.	Setting 1 hoe		15

154 *Buck Hall shop* %—Cont'd.

Am't bro't f'd.

June	16.	To sharpening sweep		30
Aug.	8.	" " "		50

Sep.	14.	"	pointing tongue	5 00
"	"	"	splicing 1 stay chain	50

Ben Lawson:

Jan.	30.	To	3 links, 40c.; 2 staples, 50c	90
M'ch	4.	"	shoeing horse, 1.25; Apr. 20th. 1 p'r handles, 25	1 50
May	1.	"	sharp'g plow, 25; laying plow, 1.25	1 50
"	5.	"	shoeing horse, 1.25; scraper stock, 1.50	2 75
"	27.	"	1 clevis, 75, sharp'g 2 plows, 50c	1 25
"	"	"	1 handle & round, 40c.; June 12th. Sh'p'g sweep	90
June	24.	"	sharp'g sweep, 50c.; July 29th. Sh'p'g 3 do., $1.00	1 60
July	29.	"	repairing heel bolt, 25; clevis, 25	50

Sol. Willis:

Jan.	26.	To	burning lampers	25
Feb.	4.	"	1 set trees, 4.50; 2 lap-rings, 50	5 00
"	"	"	sharp'g 2 plows, 50c.; 2 lap-rings, 50	1 00
"	20.	"	1 set trees, 4.50	4 50
"	27.	"	sharp'g 2 plows, 50c.; 2 bull tongues, 2.50	3 00
M'ch	2.	"	1 rod, 75; 1 steel bolt, 50c	1 25
"	"	"	1 p'r staples, 25; 1 plow stock, 1.50	1 75
"	29.	"	pointing, 50; patching, 25; plow	75
Apr.	13.	"	setting 2 hoes, 15c	30
May	23.	"	sharp'g 2 plows, 50; do. 3 sweeps, 90	1 40
June	10.	"	" 1 sweep, 30; 1 plow, 25	55
July	12.	"	" & pointing plow	50
"	"	"	2 bolts	50
Aug.	23.	"	sharpening sweep	50

July Latson:

Jan.	30.	To	2 single trees, 2.50; 2 lap-rings, 50	3 00
"	"	"	2 clevises	50

155 *Buck Hall shop %*—Continued.

1871.

March	11.	To	b. t. stock, 1.50; 1 rod, 75	2 25
"	"	"	1 pr. staples	25
April	5.	"	1 harrow, 3.00; 27 teeth, 2*s*, 6.75	9 75
"	"	"	1 band, 50c.; 1 pr. staples, 25	75
"	8.	"	1 plow & stock	7 00
"	17.	"	1 scraper	3 00
"	28.	"	sharp'g plow, .25; 2 bolts, 50c	75
"	"	"	1 handle, 50; 2 rounds, 30c.	80
June	16.	"	1 sweep 12 lbs. @ 2*s*	3 00
Aug.	8.	"	sharp'g sweep	50
Sept.	2.	"	1 coupling pole	1 50
Oct.	2.	"	1 hook	50

Wash. Dudley:

Jan.	30.	To	sharp'g 2 plows @ 2*s*.	50
Feb.	8.	"	1 slat iron	1 00
M'ch	2.	"	2 plow stocks, 1.50.	2 00

Anderson Harrison:

Jan.	30.	To 1 set trees, 4.50; 1 lap ring, 25	4	75
Feb.	4.	" 1 plow stock, 1.15; 1 p'r staples, 25	1	40
"	27.	" sharp'g plow, 25; bull tongue, 1.25	1	50
M'ch	2.	" 1 plow stock, 1.50; 1 heel bolt, 50	2	00
"	"	" 1 rod, 75c.; 1 staple, 25	1	00
"	18.	" 1 sweep, 12#, @ 2s	3	00
June	4.	" pointing plow		50

153 *Buck Hall shop %*—Cont'd.

Am't bro't forw'd. .....

Anderson Wells:

1871.

Jan.	30.	To laying 1 plow	1	25
"	"	" 1 beam, 50; 1 p'r handles, 50	1	00
"	"	" 1 round		50
Feb.	4.	" sharp'g plow, 25; 1 bolt in wagon, 50		75
"	"	" 3 links, 35; burning lampers, 25		60
"	"	" 1 set tires, 4.50; 1 clevis pin, 75	5	25
"	"	" 1 p'r staples		25
"	27.	" 2 bull-tongues, 1.25	2	50
Mc'h	9.	" 1 heel bolt		50
Apr.	5.	" repairing harrow, 1.65; 1 p'r staples, 25	1	90
"	8.	" 1 scraper	5	00
"	"	" laying plows, 1.25; pointing do., 25 (1 plow)	1	50
"	28.	" sharpening plow		25
June	9.	" repairing sweep, 50; heel bolt, 50	1	00
Aug.	23.	" sharpening 1 sweep		50

Thornton Lumpkins:

Jan.	30.	Sharpening plow		25
Feb.	4.	2 single-trees	2	50
"	"	Repairing d. tree		25
"	"	2 lap rings		50
M'ch	4th.	Plow stock, 1.50; sharpening plow, 25	1	75
"	"	1 p'r staples, 25; repa'r'g 2 taps, 25		50
"	"	Burning lampers, mule		25
"	9.	Sharp'g plow, 25; plow stock, 1.50	1	75
"	"	1 rod, 75c.; heel bolt, 50c.	1	25
"	"	1 p'r staples		25
"	11.	1 plow stock, 1.50; 1 rod, 75	2	25
"	"	1 heel bolt, 50; 1 p'r staples, 25		75
"	15.	1 p'r handles, 50c.; 1 block 15c.		65
Apr.	26.	Setting 1 hoe		15

154 *Buck Hall shop %*—Cont'd.

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June	16.	To sharpening sweep		30
Aug.	8.	" " "		50

Sep.	14.	"	pointing tongue	5 00
"	"	"	splicing 1 stay chain	50

Ben Lawson:

Jan.	30.	To	3 links, 40c.; 2 staples, 50c	90
M'ch	4.	"	shoeing horse, 1.25; Apr. 20th. 1 p'r handles, 25	1 50
May	1.	"	sharp'g plow, 25; laying plow, 1.25	1 50
"	5.	"	shoeing horse, 1.25; scraper stock, 1.50	2 75
"	27.	"	1 clevis, 75, sharp'g 2 plows, 50c	1 25
"	"	"	1 handle & round, 40c.; June 12th. Sh'p'g sweep	90
June	24.	"	sharp'g sweep, 50c.; July 29th. Sh'p'g 3 do., $1.00	1 60
July	29.	"	repairing heel bolt, 25; clevis, 25	50

Sol. Willis:

Jan.	26.	To	burning lampers	25
Feb.	4.	"	1 set trees, 4.50; 2 lap-rings, 50	5 00
"	"	"	sharp'g 2 plows, 50c.; 2 lap-rings, 50	1 00
"	20.	"	1 set trees, 4.50	4 50
"	27.	"	sharp'g 2 plows, 50c.; 2 bull tongues, 2.50	3 00
M'ch	2.	"	1 rod, 75; 1 steel bolt, 50c	1 25
"	"	"	1 p'r staples, 25; 1 plow stock, 1.50	1 75
"	29.	"	pointing, 50; patching, 25; plow	75
Apr.	13.	"	setting 2 hoes, 15c	30
May	23.	"	sharp'g 2 plows, 50; do. 3 sweeps, 90	1 40
June	10.	"	" 1 sweep, 30; 1 plow, 25	55
July	12.	"	" & pointing plow	50
"	"	"	2 bolts	50
Aug.	23.	"	sharpening sweep	50

July Latson:

Jan.	30.	To	2 single trees, 2.50; 2 lap-rings, 50	3 00
"	"	"	2 clevises	50

155 *Buck Hall shop %*—Continued.

1871.

March	11.	To	b. t. stock, 1.50; 1 rod, 75	2 25
"	"	"	1 pr. staples	25
April	5.	"	1 harrow, 3.00; 27 teeth, 2s, 6.75	9 75
"	"	"	1 band, 50c.; 1 pr. staples, 25	75
"	8.	"	1 plow & stock	7 00
"	17.	"	1 scraper	3 00
"	28.	"	sharp'g plow, .25; 2 bolts, 50c	75
"	"	"	1 handle, 50; 2 rounds, 30c.	80
June	16.	"	1 sweep 12 lbs. @ 2s	3 00
Aug.	8.	"	sharp'g sweep	50
Sept.	2.	"	1 coupling pole	1 50
Oct.	2.	"	1 hook	50

Wash. Dudley:

Jan.	30.	To	sharp'g 2 plows @ 2s.	50
Feb.	8.	"	1 slat iron	1 00
M'ch	2.	"	2 plow stocks, 1.50.	2 00

"	"	"	2 rods, 75; 4 staples, 50c.	2 00
"	4.	"	1 stock, 1.50; 1 bull tongue, 1.25	2 75
"	"	"	1 heel bolt, 50c.; 1 rod & top, 75	1 25
"	"	"	1 pr. staples	25
"	9.	"	sharpening 4 plows	1 00
"	11.	"	1 handle	25
"	28.	"	sh'p'g 3 plows, 75; 1 plow & stock, 7.00	7 75
"	"	"	1 scraper & stock	7 00
May	27.	"	1 heel bolt, 50c.; sh'p'g 2 plows, 60	1 10
"	"	"	2 sweeps 26 lbs., @ 2*s*.	6 50
June	2.	"	sharp'g 2 plows @ 2*s*.	50
"	12.	"	" " " "	50
"	"	"	burning lampers	25
"	16.	"	sharp'g 3 plows, @ 2*s*.	75

Amount carried forward .....

156 *Buck Hall shop %*—Cont'd.

1871.

June	24.	To	patching 1 plow	75
"	"	"	1 rod	75
"	29.	"	sharp'g 2 sweeps, 1.00; block, 15	1 15
July	12.	"	" 1 plow	25
"	17.	"	" 1 sweep	50
Aug.	8.	"	" 1 "	50
Sept.	2.	"	1 rod & tap, 1.00; putting on tap, 25	1 25
"	"	"	cutting 1 tap, 15c.; nails, 50	65
Novem.	6.	"	staple & tug	50
"	16.	"	ironing 1 d tree	1 50
Dec.	11.	"	repairing wagon bed	2 50
			Gabe Gilmer:	
Jan.	26.	To	1 plow, 25 lbs., at 2*s*	6 25
"	"	"	1 " stock	1 50
"	"	"	sharp'g 2 plows, 50; 1 round, 15	65
"	"	"	laying 1 plow, 1.25; 1 set trees, 4.50	5 75
Feb.	4th.	"	1 tug	25
"	18.	"	1 clip	25
M'ch	4.	"	1 plow stock, 1.50; rod, 75	2 25
"	"	"	1 pr. staples, 25; 1 heel bolt, 50	75
"	"	"	burning lampers, mule	25
"	"	"	1 bull tongue	1 25
"	31.	"	sharp'g plow	25
May	18.	"	" " 25; pointing do., 1.50	1 75
June	10.	"	repairing 1 sweep	80
"	19.	"	sharp'g 1 " 30; pointing do., 50	80
July	17.	"	" 1 " 50	50
Oct.	13.	"	cutting tire, 1.50; 1 slat, 25	1 75
"	"	"	repairing rivets, 25; sand bolster, 1.75	2 00
Dec.	1.	"	1 bolster & irons, 3.50; 1 stay-iron, 75	4 25

"	"	"	repairing bur	25
"	11	"	1 coupling pole	1 00
			Carried forward	

157 1871. *Buck Hall shop %*—Continued.

Henry Gates:

Feb.	7.	To	sharp'g 2 plows, 2*s*	50
Mch.	15.	"	2 plow stocks, @ 1.50	3 00
"	18.	"	1 plow, 5.50; 2 stocks, 3.00	8 50
"	"	"	2 rods, 75; 2 p'r staples, 50c	1 25
"	"	"	pointing plow	50
"	25.	"	1 plow & stock	7 00
"	"	"	1 heel-bolt	50
"	31.	"	27 teeth, @ 2*s*	6 75
Apr.	5.	"	1 harrow, 3.00; band, 50	3 50
"	"	"	1 p'r staples	25
"	8.	"	1 bull tongue & heel-rod	1 75
"	13.	"	sharp'g 2 plows	50
"	20.	"	burning lampers, horse	25
May	4.	"	sharp'g 2 sweeps, 60c.; do. 2 scrapers, 60	1 20
"	18.	"	" 1 plow, 25; pointing 1 do., 50	75
"	"	"	1 round, 15; 16th, sharp'g 2 plows, 50	65
June	12.	"	1 " 15; " " " 50	65
"	"	"	1 " " " "	65
Aug.	4th.	"	sharp'g 2 sweeps	1 00
"	"	"	1 link	15

Primus Jones:

Feb.	4th.	To	sharp'g 2 plows	50
Mch.	18.	"	" 1 "	25
Apr.	13.	"	pointing 1 "	50
June	19.	"	sharp'g 2 plows, 50c.; sharp'g 2 sweeps, 60	1 10
Aug.	4.	"	1 sweep	50
"	8.	"	cutting & shrinking 4 tires	6 00
"	"	"	setting 2 spoke bands	50
"	15.	"	cutting 8 bands, 2*s*	2 00

158 1871. *Buck Hall Plant. shop %*—Continued.

Stanford Harrison:

Feb.	8.	To	1 set trees	4 50
Mch.	4.	"	1 rod & tap, 75; 1 stock, 1.50	2 25
"	"	"	1 heel-bolt, 50; 1 bull tongue, 1.25	1 75
"	"	"	1 p'r staples, 25; 1 plow & stock, 7.00	7 25
"	25.	"	repairing 1 plow, 35; 1 lap-ring, 20	55
June	24.	"	sharp'g 1 plow, 25; repairing 1 clevis, 25	50
"	"	"	1 sweep, 13#, @ 2*s*	3 25
"	29.	"	sharp'g 1 sweep	50
Oct.	27.	"	repairing wagon	12 50

"	"	"	5 links, @ 12c	60
Mch.	22.	"	1 plow-stock, 7.00; 1 gimlet, 75	7 75

Randall Gilmer:

Feb.	5.	To	2 single-trees	2 50
"	8.	"	2 lap-rings, 50; clevis, 75	1 25
Mch.	15.	"	1 bull tongue, 1.25; heel-bolt, 50	1 75
"	"	"	1 clevis	75
Apr.	7.	"	1 hooks & rings	65
"	28.	"	sharp'g 2 plows	50
May	8.	"	1 scraper stock	1 50
"	"	"	3 bolts, 1.00; 1 p'r staples, 25	1 25
June	16.	"	1 stock, 1.50; 1 rod, 75	2 25
"	"	"	1 p'r staples, 25; 1 heel-bolt, 50	75
"	"	"	1 sweep, 11#, @ 2*s*	2 75
"	24.	"	sharp'g 2 plows, 50; p't'g do., 50	1 00
July	12.	"	point'g 2 sweeps, @ 4*s*	1 00
"	22.	"	" 1 "	50
Aug.	8.	"	" 1 "	50
Oct.	2.	"	cutting thread on rod	1 00
"	"	"	repairing breast-chain	50
"	"	"	1 lever	25

159 *Buck Hall shop* %—Continued.

Russel Pruner:

March	4.	To	repairing bull tongue, 50; lap ring, 25	75
"	29.	"	1 clip iron, 25; (May 1) 1 scrape and stock, 7.00	7 25
June	5.	"	pointing plow, 25; (24th) 1 sweep, 30	55
July	17.	"	sharpening 1 sweep	50
Aug.	14.	"	" " 50; 23d, 1 do., 50	1 00
			Balance 1st January, 1872	$422 35

V. 38. $58.12½.] Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of fifty-eight & $\frac{12\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ dollars teaching S. E Vance from 19th February to June 26th, 1872, including 4½ months, June 28th, 1872.

(Signed) BELLE PRATTE.

V. 39. $76.70.] Messrs. Hamilton & Co., please pay S. B. Clifford seventy-six & $\frac{70}{100}$ dollars, and charge to my %.

May 29, '72.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

Rec'ed pay of Dr. Vance June 11th, 1872.

(Signed) HAMILTON & CO.
HAMERS.

V. 40. STATE OF LOUISIANA,
P'h of Caddo:

No. 91.] JUNE 8TH, 1872.

Received of S. E. Vance, S. W. Vance, agent, the sum of four dollars

& $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars ($4.30), amount of State taxes for the year 1871 on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof in accordance with law.

(Signed) GEO. L. SMITH,
Tax Collector.

V. 41. JUNE 23D, 1872.

Rec'ed from S. W. Vance the sum of forty-six $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars for tapping trees on Buck Hall plant., year 1872.

(Sig'd) EDWARD his + mark. STAPLES.

160 V. 42. $36.25.] BUCK HALL, *Jan. 24th*, 1872.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of thirty-six $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars for ditching on Buck Hall plant., year 1872.

(Signed) ROSIN his + mark. LUMPKINS.

" 43. SHREVEPORT, LA., *July 16th*, 1872.

S. W. Vance, Buck Hall plantation, to Sale & Murphy, Dr.

July 8th.	To steamer Fleta, freight on corn.....	38	50
June 23.	" 1 heating stove.....	12	00
" "	" 2 joints pipe & elbow.....	1	50
" "	" 1 oval boiler.....	2	50
		$54	50

" 44. SHREVEPORT, LA., *July 13th*, 1872.

Dr. Vance bought of John J. Horan:

1 six mule line..... 2 00

Paid.

(Signed) JOHN J. HORAN.

Order.

Let publication of the filing of the within account be made as the law directs, and let the under tutor have notice.

Done officially on this day of , A. D. 1872.

(Signed) L. W. BAKER,
Bossier Parish Judge.

Judgment.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR SARAH E. VANCE.

Clerk's office parish court.

On application to homologate 4th annual account of tutor. In this cause, by reason of the law and the evidence, and the within account hav-

ing advertised for the legal length of time without opposition, and the acceptance of service of the under tutor, and the voucher in support
161 of said account, all appearing to be correct, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the 4th annual account, filed on the 26th day of August, A. D. 1872, by S. W. Vance, tutor for the minor S. E. Vance, be homologated and approved and made the judgment of the court.

Thus done, read, and signed in open court on this 15th day of October, A. D. 1872.

(Signed) L. W. BAKER,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed this August 26th, 1872. (Signed) Thomas N. Braden, clerk.

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence, and marked E, Oct. 22d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k.

Petition, 5th annual %, vouchers, orders, judg't, &c.

PETITION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

To the hon. the parish judge of the 10th judicial district court:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that he herewith files in court his fifth annual account as natural tutor of his minor daughter, Sarah E. Vance. Your petitioner represents that in previous accounts filed in court that he has accounted in full for all property, proceeds of same, belonging to his said minor child. Your petitioner prays that after the legal delays & notices, the statement or account be approved, homologated, and made the judgment of the court. He prays that Peachy R. Gilmer, as
162 under tutor to said minor, be duly notified of the filing of this account, and further prays for all rules, orders, notices, and decrees needful in the premises, and for general relief.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor, &c.

I have examined this account with accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct, and fully approve the same and waive notice of the filing of the same this the ninth of August, 1873.

(Sign'd) PEACH R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

ACCOUNT.

Miss S. E. Vance, minor, in % with S. W. Vance, nat. tutor.

Voucher 1.	Balance due tutor in last 4th annual account.....	$3,682	87
2.	Tutor's account.....	1,038	06
3.	Amount paid S. H. Chapman.....	333	33
4.	" " Richard Henderson.....	5	25
5.	" " Edmond Broadus.....	5	25
6.	" " freight bill Ruby.....	15	40

7.	"	"	Conway & Buckley	68 78
8.	"	"	Walter Brooks	130 50
9.	"	"	freight bill John T. Moore	56 00
10.	"	"	A. W. Edwards	478 44
11.	"	"	Cal Armstead	4 75
12.	"	"	gin drivers	56 00
13.	"	"	tuition & board, Nathereth, Ky	309 66
14.	"	"	R. C. Strinon, B. H	600 00
15.	"	"	Plantation %, am't paid out	14 30
			Total amount 1st page	$6,978 59
			Carried forward	
163			Amount brought forward	6,798 59
V. 16.			Amount paid J. J. Horan	71 50
17.	"	"	Calwell Johnson, (T. M. C.)	6 00
18.	"	"	Jerry Bonitte	1 25
19.	"	"	" " & Miles Gilmer	21 00
20.	"	"	Steve Johnson	20 00
21.	"	"	Jeff Parker	14 00
22.	"	"	Royal Gilmer	10 00
23.	"	"	Mrs. A. D. McDermott	6 00
24.	"	"	Mrs. Masin	12 50
25.	"	"	express co. bill	1 50
26.	"	"	Peach Willis' bill	10 75
27.	"	"	Jim Smith	1 50
28.	"	"	Russ Primer	2 35
29.	"	"	Sandy Gilmer	4 50
30.	"	"	Wash. Dudley	12 00
31.	"	"	Jeff Parker	3 30
32.	"	"	Anderson Welt	3 00
33.	"	"	Fannie Gates	15 00
34.	"	"	Mundy & Collins	96 17
35.	"	"	Gabe Gilmer	1 50
36.	"	"	Richard Henderson	5 00
37.	"	"	Peach Willis	7 00
38.	"	"	Cal Armstead	4 50
39.	"	"	st'b't Hornet	2 00
40.	"	"	gin drivers	98 00
41.	"	"	Lucy Hannah Gilmer	7 29
42.	"	"	gin drivers	35 35
43.	"	"	Joe Robinson %	23 30
44.	"	"	Henry Gates	21 00
45.	"	"	Gabe Gilmer	195 00
			Amount carried forward	$7,519 35
164			Amount brought forward	7,519 35
46.			Amount paid Middleton Gilmer	185 33
47.	"	"	William Johnson	106 50
48.	"	"	Stacy & Poland	1,555 68

49.	"	"	Russ Lumpkins	24 00
50.	"	"	Mundy & Collins	332 85
51.	"	"	Frank Ward & Jim Goodlet	127 25
52.	"	"	" " " "	25 00
53.	"	"	Frank Ward	8 00
54.	"	"	W. R. Prather	205 44
55.	"	"	T. N. Braden	12 55
56.	"	"	Dick Christian	6 00
57.	"	"	Winson & Davis	47 00
58.	"	"	State & parish taxes, 1871	688 70
59.	"	"	Cooper & Grimes	380 00
60.	"	"	freedmen % Buck Hall	246 54
61.	"	"	travelling expenses to Nazareth	86 40
62.	"	"	Buck H. plant. % at store	1,637 88
63.	"	"	Nazareth college bill	23 76
64.	"	"	invoice G. W. Sentell & Co., B. H. pl't	1,336 05
65.	"	"	Miss Mary Files' bill	2 50
				$14,557 28

CREDITS.

Proceeds of cotton crop 1872, Buck Hall pl't	$10,347 30
½ rent plantation in Ala	117 17
Rent plaindealing plant., Bossier Parish	200 00
	$10,664 47

Leaving a balance due tutor in this 5th annual account three thousand eight hundred & ninety-two & $\frac{81}{100}$ doll's $3,892 81

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor for S. E. Vance.

165 VOUCHERS.

1. BUCK HALL, *August 6th*, 1873.

S. E. Vance, minor, in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.

To balance due on last filed, being 4th annual, 22d day of August, 1872 ..... $3,682 87

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

2. *S. E. Vance, minor, in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

1873.	To am't cash paid				cotton pickers	120 00
"	"	"	"	"	freedmen for corn	150 00
"	"	"	"	"	for ginning cotton	215 00
"	"	"	"	"	gin drivers	119 43
"	"	"	"	"	freedmen clearing land	233 92
"	"	"	"	"	cotton bought	199 71
						$1,038 06

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

3. $333.33.] BUCK HALL, *Jan. 18th*, 1873.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance three hundred & thirty three & $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars, for services superintending Buck Hall plantation for the year 1872.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

4th. $5.25.] BUCK HALL, *June 5th*, 1873.

Received from S. W. Vance five dollars & $\frac{25}{100}$, for clearing land, plowing, &c.

(Signed) his RICHARD + HENDERSON. mark.

5. $5.10.] BUCK HALL, *May 6th*, 1873.

Received from S. W. Vance five & $\frac{10}{100}$, dollars for splitting rails opposite Buck Hall, in Caddo Parish.

(Signed) his EDMOND + BROADUS. mark.

6. $15.40.] BUCK HALL, *May 27th*, 1873.

S. W. Vance to steamer Ruby, Dr.

1 cask bacon, 2.50; 4 sacks salt, 2.40		4 90
7 bales hay, 1.50		10 50
		$15 40

Mrs. Vance will please settle with Messrs. Stacy & Poland freight bill, as we want no unsettled business.

166 V. 7. *Dr. S. W. Vance in % with Conway & Buckalew.*

Jan. 31.	To 1 doz. No. 2 hoes			8 25
Feb. 3.	" 5½ lbs. rope 30c			1 65
" 17.	" 10 prs. hinges	3 50		
" "	" 2 " s. "	1 00		
" "	" 1 garden rake	1 50		
" "	" 1 hatchet	1 25		
" "	" 1 hammer	1 25		
" "	" 1 set augur hinges	1 25		
				9 75
" 24.	" 1 wood bench screw			75
M'ch 8.	" 1 kitchen saw, 1.00; 1 hand saw, 2.75			3 75
Apr. 20.	" ½ doz. steel hoes, 5.00; 1 padlock, 75			5 75
June 3d.	" 1 house bell			60
July 27.	" 2 kegs nails, 6.50			13 00
" "	" add 10 %			1 30
" "	" Interest on % to Nov 1st, 1872			1 85
	Amount to debit			46 65

E. & O. E. SHREVEPORT, *Oct. 25th*, 1872.

8. *Dr. S. W. Vance in % with Walter Brooks, Dr.*

To ditch 87 rods, 1.50..... $130. 50

Paid in full.
(Signed) WALTER BROOKS.
June 11, '73.

9. BUCK HALL, *May*, 1873.

Dr. S. W. Vance, to iron st'r John T. Moore, Dr.

To freight on 80 bags corn (double) 70c..... 56 00

Paid.
(Signed) HAMILTON & CO.

10. $303.44.] Rece'd from S. W. Vance, May 9th, 1873, three hundred & three & $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars, for work carpenter on Buck Hall plant., year 1872, and one hundred & seventy-five dollars, carpenter Plaindealing plantation.
(Signed) A. W. EDWARDS.

167 11. *S. W. Vance in % with Calvin Armstead.*

1873.
April 28. To making three hundred and seventy-three rails, @ 1.20 per hundred..... $4 75

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) CALVIN his + mark ARMSTEAD.

*12. BUCK HALL, *February 11th*, 1873.

Received from S. W. Vance twenty-eight dollars, driving gin, in 1872.
February 13th, 1873.
(Signed) EMILY her + mark WARD.

13. *Dr. S. W. Vance, for daughter Sallie, in % with Nazareth Inst'n, Ky., Dr.*

Sept. 16. To session board & tuition, $77; stat'y, $8.00; bed, 6.00..... 91 00
" " " Dr. fees, 5.00; washing, 5.00; piano, $20; dancing, $10..... 40 00
" " " library, 1.00; by cash, $1.92; to scoop $2.. 3 00
" 19. " 4 towels, 1.20; 4 prs. hose, 1.60; toilet-box, 75; soap dish, 15..... 3 70
" " " soap, 25; trimming, 1.80; 13 y'ds calico, 3.25; sewing, 5.50..... 10 80
" " " 7½ y'ds perchale, 3.25: sack, 2.10; 3 y'ds flannel, 1.05; pencil, 5 ..... 7 05

"	"	"	bonnet, 1.00; book, 35; rubbers, 55; slitteh, 5c	1 95
Oct.	14.	"	gown yoke, $1.00; shoes, 2.75; stamps, 18; sheet music, 2.10	6 03
Nov.	1.	"	shawl, 2.50; cloak, 4.90; 9⅜ y'ds merino, 961; drilling, 40c	17 41
"	"	"	5 y'ds cambric, 65; shoestrings, 10; medicine, 90c	1 65
Dec.	21.	"	luster, 25; sewing, 25; stamps, 27; Christmas box, $5	6 07
1873.				
Feb.	1.	"	session board and tuition, $77; stationery, $8; bed, $6	91 00
"	"	"	Dr.'s fee, 5.00; washing, 5.00; piano, $20..	30 00
				$309 66

Credit:

By cash paid Sept. 10	$192 00	
" " " Feb. 1	$117 66	
		$309 66

*12. Recei'd from S. W. Vance twenty-eight dollars, for Pleasant Lumpkin, driving gin year 1872.

(Signed) FANNY his + mark. LUMPKIN.

168 V. 14. $600.00.] BUCK HALL, *March 10th*, 1873.

Received from S. W. Vance six hundred dollars for superintending Buck Hall plant'n for the year 1872.

(Signed) R. C. STINSON.

" 15. BUCK HALL, *March 8th*, 1873.

Dr. S. W. Vance to R. C. Stinson, Dr.

1872.				
Feb.	20.	P'd	D. Gates, for work on fence	2 50
M'ch	1.	"	R. Gilmer " "	3 60
"	4.	"	Jeff. Watson, cutting trees	75
"	10.	"	Ross, L., hauling	1 75
May	1.	"	Thea, J., helping sewing	1 25
June	1.	"	Russ, P., hauling wood	2 15
Aug.	1.	"	Bo't mule bucket B. H	75
"	20.	"	6 halters, rope	1 60
				14 30

Received payment in full.

(Signed) R. C. STINSON.

16. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Feb. 15th*, 1873.

Dr. S. W. Vance to John J. Horan, Dr.

Feb.	1st.	To am't bill rendered Buck Hall	29 00
"	"	" " " Shady Grove	13 50
"	8.	" " " " " "	19 50
"	"	" 1 set breeching for Rob't Johnson	6 00
"	10.	" 1 whip, Coushatta place	1 50
"	"	" 1 6-mule line	2 00
			$71 50

Rec'ed payment.
(Signed) R. J. HORAN.

17. *S. W. Vance, % freedmen, driving cattle.*

Jan.	18th, 1873.	Cash to L. Colwell	2 00
"	"	" " Frank Johnson	2 00
"	"	" " Doe Johnson	2 00
			$6 00

Rec'ed payment in full, S. W. Vance.

(S'g'd) his LEWIS + COLWELL. mark.
his FRANK + JOHNSON. mark.
his DOE + JOHNSON. mark.

169 V. 18. BUCK HALL, *July 27th*, 1872.

S. W. Vance to Jerry Barnett.

To putting up lot fence			75
" sawing blocks			50
			$1 25

(Signed) his JERRY + BARRETT. mark.

V. 19.	To 6 bush'ls of corn @	1.00	6 00
	" 15 " "	1.00	15 00
			$21 00

Received payment.

(Signed) his MILES + GILMER. mark.
(") his JERRY + BARNETT. mark.

" 20. Received payment for ten bushels of corn at $1.00 per bushel..... $10 00

his
(Signed) STEVE + JOHNSON.
mark.

MARCH 3D, 1873.

This corn for Buck Hall plantation.

" 21. BUCK HALL, *Oct. 5th*, 1872.

Dr. S. W. Vance to Jeff Parker, Dr.

To 14 bus. corn..... 14 00

Rece'd payment in full.

his
(Sig'd) JEFF + PARKER.
mark.

Attest:
(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

" 22. BUCK HALL, *Oct. 14th*, 1872.

S. W. Vance in % with Royal Gilmer.

To 10 bus. corn @ 1.00..... 10 00

Rece'd payment this day.
(Signed) ROYAL GILMER.

" 23. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Aug.* 28, 1872.

Miss Vance bought of Mrs. A. D. McDermott:

To trimmed hat..... 6 00

Paid Sept. 4, '72.
(Signed) McDERMOTT.

" 24. *Dr. Vance, Dr., to Mrs. Mason.*

To making 1 dress..... 12 50

Rece'd payment in full this 7th Sept., 1872.
(Signed) MRS. MASON,
Per M. A. F.

170 V. 25. *Southern Express Co., Sept. 23d*, 1872.

Received of S. W. Vance on' package, not valued, for which amount the charges are made by said company, marked Miss S. E. Vance, care of Mother Superior, Bardstown Institution, Nazareth, Ky., $1.50.

Paid.
(Signed) M. SULLIVAN.

26. $10.70] BUCK HALL, *Sept.* 28*th*, 1872.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of ten & $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars for ten bushels of corn for this place.

(Signed) his PEACH + WILLIS. mark.

Attest:
A. L. CHAPMAN.

" 27. BUCK HALL, *Sept.* 19*th*, 1872.

S. W. Vance to Jim Smith, Dr.

To 60 b'dles of fodder due him in division of fodder..... $1 50

(Signed) his JIM + SMITH. mark.

R. C. STINSON.

" 28. BUCK HALL, *Sept.* 2*d*, 1872.

S. W. Vance to Russ Pruner, Dr.

To 94 b'dles of fodder, Stinson..... $2 35

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) his RUSS + PRUNER. mark.

" 29. $4.50.] SEPT. 2D, 1872.

Received from S. W. Vance four $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars for work on fence around yard.

(Signed) his SANDY + GILMER. mark.

" 30. 12.00.] SEPT. 2D, 1872.

Received from S. W. Vance twelve dollars for building fence around yard.

(Signed) his WASH + DUDLEY. mark.

" 31. $3.30.] BUCK HALL, *Sept.* 1*st*, 1872.

Received from S. W. Vance three $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars for building fence around the yard.

(Signed) his JEFF + PARK. mark.

171 32. $3.00.] SEPT. 2d, 1872.

Received from S. W. Vance three dollars for work done on fence around yard.

(Signed his ANDERSON + WELT. mark.

33. Buck Hall plant—

In % with Fanny Gates,	7 bush. corn.....	7 00
" Catherine Smith,	8 " "	8 00
		15 00

Received payment from S. W. Vance above in full.

(Signed) FANNY her + mark. GATES.

(Sign'd) CATHARINE h'r + mark. SMITH.

34. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Aug.* 30, 1873.

S. W. Vance bought of Mondy & Collins:

Jan.	11th.	1 bbl. pork.....	16 00
Feb.	8.	1 roll bagging 100, 18c.....	18 00
"	"	6 plows, J. Hall, $8	51 00
"	18.	1 Jas. Hall plow & drayage.....	8 75
			93 75
		Interest.....	2 42
			$96 16

Paid by d'ft.

(Signed) MONDY & COLLINS, p'r KERBY.

" 35. BUCK HALL, *April 14th*, 1873.

Received from S. W. Vance one & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars for hauling cotton.

(Signed) GABRIEL his + mark. GILMER.

" 36. BUCK HALL, *Apr. 15th*, 1873.

Received from S. W. Vance $3.75 for flooring cabin loft and packing cotton; 5 bales cotton, 2 b's Ross Parker, & 3 bales, Robin Lumpkin @ 50c., 4.25; & 75c. for clearing land near ditch, $5.00.

(Signed) RICHARD his + mark. HENDERSON.

" 37. Received from S. W. Vance seven dollars for seven bushels of corn, Apr. 5th, 1873.

(Signed) PEACH his + mark. WILLIS.

172 V. 38. BUCK HALL, *April 5th*, 1873.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance four & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars for splitting rails on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) CALVIN his + mark. ARMSTEAD.

" 39. BUCK HALL, *March 28th*, 1873.

Mr. S. W. Vance to steamer Hornet, Dr.

To freight on 2 bbls. pork..... 2 00

" 40. BUCK HALL, *July 4th*, 1873.

Due Hardeman & Henry for driving gin 7 months and 4 days, @ $7 p'r month..... $98 00

Rec'ed payment from S. W. Vance.

(Signed) HARDEMAN his + mark. BROWN.

HENRY his + mark. STEWART.

" 41. *Buck Hall plantation in % with Lucy Hardy Gilmer.*

March 1. 32 bundles } " 10. 23 " } $7 29

Rece'd from S. W. Vance seven & $\frac{29}{100}$ dollars, in full payment of above account.

(Signed) LUCY HANNAH her + mark. GILMER.

" 42. 1871. *Buck Hall gin driver's %.*

Paid Armistead Brown	29 days	@ 25c.....		7 25
" Ephraim "	35 "	@ 25c.....		8 75
" Anderson Williams	30 "	@ 25		7 50
" Ben. Williams, driver,	2	@ 25		50
" Sol. George, "	2	@ 30		60
" Rose Ply Brown	38	@ 25		9 50
				$35 35

This amount is for gin drivers on Buck Hall plant. from 1870 to spring of 1871. Marked paid in full.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Tutor for S. E. Vance.

173 V. 43. SHREVEPORT, LA., *March 22d*, 1873.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Jos. Boisseau:

1872.

Jan. 13.	To 3 small sacks salt.....	75
" "	" 1 keg axle grease.....	4 50
" "	" 32 lb rope.....	16 00
Interest, 8 %.....		2 05
		$23 30

Paid.

BOISSEAU & FORD.

" 44. BUCK HALL, *Oct.* 12*th*, 1872.

Received of Henry Gates (twenty-one bushels) crop of corn for this year for this place.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

Received payment from S. W. Vance this Oct. 14th, 1872, $21.00.

(Signed) HENRY his + mark. GATES.

" 45. $195.00.] BUCK HALL PLANTATION, *M'ch* 16*th*, 1873.

Received from S. W. Vance, tutor, one hundred & ninety-five dollars, feeding mules on Buck Hall plantation, for the year 1872.

(Signed) GABRIEL his + mark. GILMER.

" 46. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, bought of Gilmer & Middleton:

Jan. 7th.	29 posts,	6 x 6 x 15, oak...	1,305	feet.
" "	24 "	4 x 6 x 15, ...	720	"
" "	45 sct.	3 x 4 x 16, ...	720	"
" "	580 strips,	1 x 3 x 16, ...	3,093	"
" 29.	48 "	1 x 3 x 16, ...	256	"
" "	30 sc't'g,	3 x 4 x 16, ...	480	"
" "	8 posts,	6 x 6 x 15, oak....	360	"
" "	4 "	4 x 6 x 15, "	120	"
" "	10 sct'g,	3 x 4 x 16, "	160	"
" 31.	35 planks,	1 x 12 x 16, "	560	"

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Lumber % continued	7,774	ft.
15 sc't'g, 3 x 4 x 16	240	"
	8,014	"

2,505 feet oak, @ 3.00 per h'd	75 15
5,509 " pine, @ 2.00 "	110 18
	$185 33

Rec'ed payment by draft on G. W. Sentell & Co., Feb. 28th, 1873.

(Signed) GILMER & MIDDLETON.

" 47. *Plaindealing to William Johnson, Dr.*

To splitting 3,650 rails.....	$36 50
" cleaning new ground.....	$50 00
" amount due Lem. Colwell & Frank Johnson for splitting rails.....	$12 00
" amount due Daniel Taylor " "	8 00
	$106 50

Rec'ed payment February 19th, 1873.

(Signed) WILLIAM his + mark. JOHNSON.

Attest:
ZIEGLER.

" 48. *Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, in % with Stacy & Poland.*

1872.				
Jan. 11.	To 3	kegs nails, @ 6.25		18 75
" 27.	"	cash paid Thos. Johnson for Buck		360 00
Feb. 15.	" 2	half rolls 100 y'ds bagging, @ 20c		20 00
" "	" 3	b'dles ties 177, @ 7½c		10 62
" 17.	" 2	bbls., 5.50		11 00
" "	" 3	" lime, 3.75		11 25
" 20.	" 1	keg molasses		8 50
" "	" 100	y'ds bagging, @ 18½		18 50
" 21.	" 150	lbs bacon for G. K., @ 11c		17 25
" "	" 150	" " " G. H., @ 11c		17 25
" "	" 5	joints & 2 sides, @ 35c		2 45
Apr. 4.	" 1	bbl. sugar, @ 14c		33 93

Carried forward.

175 % *with Stacy & Poland*—Continued.

April 4.	To 100	lbs. shoulders, @ 7¾		7 75
" "	" 107	" " @ 7¾		8 30
May 4.	" 5	sacks salt, @ 16*s*		10 00
Mch. 29.	" 5	" " @ 16*s*, & dray		10 25
July 1.	" 100	bush'ls corn, @ 8s		100 00
" "	" 2	bbls. s. f. flour, 12.50		25 00
" "	" 1	keg lard, 62 lbs., 1		7 75
" "	"	drayage		1 25
" 6.	" 32	bush'ls corn, & drayage		32 65
" 31.	"	cash p'r order to T. C. Johnson		102 00
" 17.	" 1	bbl. p. d. sugar, @ 15c		43 35
" "	" 2	kegs nails, ⅛ ⅛, @ 7.50		15 00
" "	" 194½	yds. Lowells, @ 17c		33 00
" "	" 1	bbl. meal		5 25
Oct. 12.	" 5	bbls. pork, @ 20.00		100 00
" "	" 200	lbs. shoulders, @ 13½		27 00
" 26.	" 100	yds. bagging, 20c		20 00
Nov. 2.	" 4	bbls. mess pork, 30.00		120 00
" "	" 100	yds. bagging, 20c		20 00
" "	" 1	grind-stone, 200 lbs. @ 6c		12 00
" "	" 240	ties, 11c		26 40
" "	" 33 lbs. cheese, 30c., 9.90; 303 lbs. shoulders, @ 17c., 51.51			61 41
" 23.	" 1	bbl. b. flour, 17.00; 2 h'ks twine, 2.00		19 00
" 26.	"	cash paid Wm. Ross		7 00
Dec. 7.	" 2	bbls. pork, @ $35.00		70 00
1873.				
Jan. 16.	" 3	" lime, & drayage		15 25
Feb. 1.	" 1	bbl., 8*s*; 233 lbs. sugar, @ 13½		32 46
" "	" 2	bbls. lime, 4.50		9 00
" "	"	interest for margin		73 85

" " " 2½ % commission on $469 ..... 11 73

Settled by draft on G. W. Sentell & Co. $1, 555 68

Due M'ch, 1873.

(Signed) STACY & POLAND,
P'r GRIFFIN.

176 V. 49. BUCK HALL, *Aug. 30th*, 1872.

S. W. Vance to Ross Lumpkin, Dr.

To 24 bushels of corn, bought for the use of the plantation, for which I agree to pay him $1.00 per bushel, to feed his team while moving the mill.

(Signed) R. C. STINSON.

Paid Rosin Lumpkin, Oct. 12th, 1872, $20 in cash.

" 50. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Decem. 28th*, 1872.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Mundy & Collins:

1872.			
March	2.	5 bbls. lime, 3.00	15 00
"	"	½ " 75; sugar, 94, @ 10½	10 62
"	"	10 lbs. almonds, 25	2 50
"	9.	2 kegs lard, 108, @ 12	12 96
"	16.	1 bale oakum	7 50
"	"	1 bbl. crown flour	11 00
"	"	1 " beans	12 00
Nov.	16.	4 rolls bagging, 200, @ 20c	40 00
"	"	4 bundles ties, 240, @ 12½	30 00
"	"	1 bbl. salt	4 00
"	20.	1 case axle grease	5 00
Dec.	1.	8 rolls bagging, 400, 20c	80 00
"	"	10 bundles ties, 600, 15c	90 00
"	"	interest to January 1st, 1873	8 98
"	"	" " "	3 29
			$332 85

Paid by draft on G. W. Sentell & Co.

(Signed) MUNDY & COLLINS,
P'r KERLY.

51. *Buck Hall plantation, in % with Isam Goodlet & Frank Ward.*

To building house near Frank Ward	35 00
" repairs on Royal Gilmer's house	10 00
Amount carried forward	$45 00

177 *Voucher* 51—Continued.

	Am't bro't forw'd	45 00
V. 51.	To repairs on Sol. Clarke's house	2 50
	" covering gin-house	1 50

" bath-room in house	10 00
" wood-house	20 00
" gates at river lot	5 00
" " " yard	5 00
" 3 cistern-troughs	3 25
" covering dwelling-house	35 00
	$127 25

Received payment in full of the above account January 18th, 1873.

(Signed) FRANK his + mark. WARD.

(") ISAM his + mark. GOODLETT.

" 52. *Plaindealing Plantation in % with Frank Ward & Isam Goodlett.*

To covering press at Plaindealing..... 25 00

(Signed) FRANK his + mark. WARD.

(Signed) ISAM his + mark. GOODLETT.

JAN'Y 17TH, 1873.

Buck Hall Plantation in % with Frank Ward.

1872.

" 53. March 10.	To making 3 harrow stocks	2 00
" " "	" 4 bull tongues	5 00
" " "	" ½ day's work on Chs. Lumpkin's house	1 00
		8 00

Rec'ed payment in full of above account of S. W. Vance.

(Signed) FRANK his + mark. WARD.

" 54. *Dr. S. W. Vance to W. R. Prather.*

To 2,636 feet oak lumber	79 08
" 6,143 " pine "	122 86
	$202 94

Rec'd payment in full of above %, January, 3d, 1873.

(Signed) W. R. PRATHER.

" 55. *Tutorship of the minor S. E. Vance to Thos. N. Braden, C'k, Dr.*

1872.

August 6. To filing 4th annual account..... 10

Amount carried forward..... 10

178 *% with Thos. N. Braden*—Continued.

Am't br. f'd		10
Aug. 26.	To issuing notice to Branner	1 00
" "	" filing 42 vouchers	4 20
Oct. 15.	" settling cause, judg't, homolog'd, 1st %	80
" "	" copy % p'r order	2 10
" "	" judgment, homologating %	1 25
" "	" recording %, judgment	3 50
		$12 55

January 22, '73. Received payment of S. W. Vance, tutor.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k.*

" 56. BUCK HALL, *Decem.* 23*d*, 1872.

Received from S. W. Vance six dollars, for six bushels of corn bought this day.

(Signed) DICK. his + mark. CHRISTIAN.

" 57. BUCK HALL, *Decem.* 19*th*, 1872.

S. W. Vance to Minor Davis, Dr.

To brickwork on Buck Hall plan.—

1 chimney	16 00
6 " repaired	20 00
cisterns	17 00
	$47 00

Rec'ed payment in full of above account, Decem. 23d, 1872.

(Signed) MINOR DAVIS.

" 58. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
P'h of Bossier:

State and parish taxes for 1871. *Novem.* 26*th*, 1872.

Receeived from S. W, Vance, agent for S. E. Vance, six hundred & eighty-eight & $\frac{70}{100}$ dollars, amount of State & parish taxes for the year 1871, on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof, in accordance with law $688 70

(Signed) J. A. HERRON,
Tax Collector, Bossier Parish.

" 59. $380.00.] BUCK HALL, *Novem. 30th*, 1872.

179 Paid this day to Cooper & Grimes the sum of three hundred & eighty dollars, for two mules bought for Buck Hall plantation, for use and benefit of my daughter, S. E. Vance.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

60 BUCK HALL, *May 24th*, 1873.

Buck Hall plantation in % with freedmen for clearing land, 1873.

May 24.	Rosin Lumpkin, his + mark	22 25
	July Latson, his + mark	7 00
	Anderson Welt, his + mark	11 62
	Dick Gates, his + mark	4 50
	Henry Lanson, his + mark	3 25
	Primus Jones, his + mark	3 75
	Miles Gilmer, his + mark	22 00
	Wm. Rose, his + mark	9 00
	Gate Gilmer, his + mark	10 50
	Jeff Parker, his + mark	6 50
	Peach Willis, his + mark	5 75
	Sol. Willis, his + mark	9 00
	Royal Gilmer, his + mark	5 25
	Willis Jones, his + mark	5 00
	Primus Jones, his + mark, working and feeding horses	54 25
	Ben Lanson, his + mark	1 00
	Sandy Gilmer, his + mark	7 50
	Jerry Barnett, his + mark	10 50
	Russel Pruner, his + mark	12 00
	Ben Lanson, his + mark	20 00
	Steve Williams, his + mark	2 40
	Royal Gilmer, his + mark, plowing clear land	7 75
	Sol. Willis, his + mark	3 00
	Dick Gates, his + mark, plowing cane land	3 75
		$246 54

180 BUCK HALL PLANT., *Sept. 15th*, 1872.

Vs. 61. *Miss S. E. Vance in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

To traveling expenses from Shreveport to Nazareth, Kentucky $86 40

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

" 62. *Buck Hall plantation in % with S. W. Vance.*

1872.

Apr.	26. 1 lock, 1.50; (29th.) 1 bot. whisky, 50	2 00
May	2. 1½ lbs. rope, 30c	45

"	24.	1 gall. molasses, Randle	1 25
"	31.	1 lock	50
July	1.	1 "	50
Aug.	2.	Merch'ze, T. D., 2.50; (3d.) 1 whip, new, 75c.	3 25
"	3.	1 bot. oil, 75; 1 do. turpentine, 50c.	1 25
Sept.	7.	Nero. Goodwyn, ⅓ amount due for herding mules	8 33
"	"	1 lock, Chapman	3 50
"	25.	5½ lbs. rope, @ 30 c	1 65
"	28.	Mer'd'se, P. Willis	8 00
Oct.	11.	1 axe helve	30
"	15.	Merch'ze, part order, Bob Brooks	9 45
"	22.	1½ gall. whiskey, part order, E. S.	1 50
"	26.	Shoes, &c., Wm. Rose	3 50
Nov.	2.	Mer'd'ze, D. Gates	75
"	"	" Ben. Williams, 1.00; Peach Willis, 500	6 00
"	11.	" What. Crew	1 50
"	"	Am't of %'s of hands up to Nov. 10th, 1872; bill rendered	1,251 80
"	16.	Mer'd'ze, order, Bob Brooks, 3.55; order, Ben. Williams, 5.00	8 55
Dec.	2.	Wash. & Tobie Chapman, 2.00; (12th.) D. Gates, 1.00	3 00
"	16.	Jeff. W., order, Chapman, 1.00; A. Welt, 1.00	2 00
		Total amount	$1,318 03

Amount carried forward.

181 *Buck Hall in % S. W. Vance*—Cont'd.

		Am't bro't	1,318 03
Decem.	21st.	To bot. whiskey, 50; mdze, Ed. Staples, 1.00	1 50
"	"	" mdze. Jerry Staples, 1.00; Arthur, 1.00	2 00
1873.			
Jan.	14.	" Peach Corn, 1.00; Ed. Staples, 1.00	2 10
"	24.	" merch'ze, order Stinson	4 00
Feb.	3.	" am't due hands from Nov. 10th, '72, to December 31st; bill rendered	309 88
Mch.	11.	" 2½lb rope, @ 30c	75
			$1,637 88

Transferred to S. W. Vance, March 31st, 1873.
(Signed) ZEIGLER.

63. *Miss Sallie Vance, Dr.*

1873.			
Feb.	19.	Sheet music	1 50
Mch.	3.	Shoes, 2.25; wreath, 1.00; belt, 35	4 20
"	"	Ribbon, 25; fan, 20; shoestrings, 10c	55

May	20.	Soap, 20; festival costume, 1.00	1 20
"	"	Stamps, 66; medicine, 10c	76
"	"	7½ yds. cotton, 1.50; trimming, 1.20	2 70
June	3d.	Jaconet, 50; 4½ yds. cotton, 90	1 40
"	"	Sewing, 3.95; corset cover, 1.60	5 55
"	"	8 yds. swiss, 4.25; balmoral, 1.25	5 50
			23 76
		Credit by cash $13 75	
		" dancing fee $10 00	
		$23 75	$23 75

(Signed) Sister FRANCIS HAVI,
Treasurer of Nazareth.

64. *Dr. S. W. Vance, for Buck Hall.*

June	17.	Merch'se this date	83 90
July	14.	" " "	172 73
Aug.	11.	" " "	549 69
Nov.	9.	" " "	55 12
"	23.	" " "	105 61
		Amount carried forward	$967 05

182 *S. W. Vance, for Buck Hall.*—Cont'd.

		Am't bro't for'd	$967 05
Jan.	27th.	To merd'se this date	10 71
Mch.	2.	" " " "	152 05
"	"	" interest on above, as per % current	52 82
Dr. S. W. Vance, for Coushatta mdze this date			152 04
Interest on above, as per account current			1 38
			$1,336 05

65. *Dr. Vance.*

1 braid	$2 50

Rece'd payment,
(Signed) Z. CLEVELAND.
Per M. F.

Order.

Let publication of the filing of the within account be made in the Bossier Banner, a weekly newspaper published in the parish of Bossier, for the legal length of time as the law directs, and let the under tutor have notice. Done officially this 9th day of August, 1873.

(Signed) L. W. BAKER,
Parish Judge, Bossier Parish, La.

Judgment.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that this amount be homologated and become the judgment of this court. Done and signed officially this 10th day of November, A. D. 1873.

(Signed) L. W. BAKER,
Parish Judge, Bossier Parish, La.

(Endorsed:) Filed August 9th, 1873. (Signed) J. W. Walker, c'k.
(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence and marked F, Oct. 22d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Petition, 6th annual ℄, & vouchers 1 to 40.

PETITION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier.
(Over.)

183 To the hon. the parish judge of the parish court of said parish and State:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that he herewith files his (6th) sixth annual account as natural tutor to his minor child, Sallie E. Vance. Your petitioner further represents that in his previous accounts filed, he has accounted in full for all property and the proceeds of the same belonging to his said minor daughter, and your petitioner furthermore wishes in this account to correct an error in the credits given to his said minor daughter, Sallie E. Vance, in the plantation known as the old Peachy R. Gilmer plantation, situated in Montgomery Co., State of Alabama, inasmuch as in all his previous accounts filed he has given said minor daughter, Sallie E. Vance, credit for all rents received from said plantation, when, as your petitioner is now informed by Messrs. Watts & Troy, his attorneys, the said Sallie E. Vance is entitled to only one-half of said plantation, under the laws of Ala., the other half belonging to Mary B. Vance, the second daughter of your petitioner, who is entitled to one-half of the rents & other proceed' arising therefrom; and your petitioner represents that in this and all future accounts he will give his said daughter Sallie E. Vance credit for only one-half the rents & other proceeds arising from said plantation. Your petitioner prays that after the legal delays this statement be approved, homologated, and made the judgment of the court. He further prays that Peachy R. Gilmer, of the parish and State afore-
184 said, as under tutor for the said Sallie E. Vance, be duly notified of the filing of this account, and prays for all rules, notices, orders, and decrees needful in the premises & for general relief, &c.
(Not signed by petitioner.)

I have examined this answer with accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct and fully approve the same, and waive notice of the filing of the same. This 24th day of November, A. D. 1875.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

Miss Sallie E. Vance, in % with S. W. Vance, nat'l tutor.

Voucher 1.	To balance due tutor on last (5th) annual %	3,892	81
2.	" tutor %, cash for corn & cotton Buck Hall pl't	4,065	54
3.	" taxes Caddo Parish, 1873	11	50
4.	" A. W. Edwards, flat boat	200	00
5.	" Frank Ward	16	50
6.	" Cooper & Grimes, for mules	1,054	60
7.	" State & parish taxes, Bossier	681	24
8.	" taxes Caddo Parish, 1873	14	50
9.	" Charles Gamble, building fence	66	62
10.	" State & parish taxes, 1872	22	50
11.	" July Latson, feed of one mule	30	00
12.	" J. W. Walker, clerk court	10	90
13.	" Dora Shulz	10	85
14.	" Philip Simpson for corn	11	25
15.	" Isam Goodlett, for work	2	50
16.	" Jackson Williams for baskets	24	50
17.	" recording deeds Gilmer lots	1	70
18.	" Jas. H. Cragg	9	40
19.	" Stacy & Poland	624	57
	Amount carried forward	10,751	48

185 *Acc't with S. W. Vance*—Cont'd.

		10,751	48
20.	To Sister Francis Havier, Nazareth	190	00
21.	" Wash. Dudly & Ch's Gamble	61	25
22.	" Richard Gates	5	75
23.	" Hamilton & Co	201	25
24.	" Robt. Thompson	50	00
25.	" Randall Brown	209	11
26.	" Miss Jessie Kimball	10	00
27.	" Parish taxes, Caddo	8	00
28.	" W. H. Scanland	8	00
29.	" Thornton Lumpkins	165	03
30.	" Lee Cavirer	73	12
31.	" Conway & Buckelew	122	97
32.	" Hamilton & Co	262	40
33.	" J. J. Horan	6	50
34.	" Wm. Johnson	15	00
35.	" Mundy & Miles Gilmer	23	50
36.	" Mrs. A. D. McDermott	12	50
37.	" Dr. D. L. McKitrick	25	00
38.	" Blacksmith shop bill	413	00
39.	" Gabe Gilmer, feeding mules	175	00
40.	" G. W. Sentell & Co	4,101	75
		$16,890	61

CREDITS.

By proceeds cotton crop, 1873	9, 860 40
" rent of Plaindealing, "	196 30
	$10, 056 70

Rent of plant. in Ala. was consumed in taxes.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

V. 1. *Miss Sallie E. Vance in ℅ with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

To balance due on account filed—fifth annual account..... $3, 892 81

186 V. 2. BUCK HALL PLANT., *June 11th*, 1875.

Buck Hall plant. in ℅ with S. W. Vance, for cotton bought for said plantation.

1873 & 1874.

Jerry Barnes, for cotton	3 00
Louisa Goodlet, "	172 00
James Smith, "	270 00
Sandy Gilmer, "	138 00
Jeff. Barker, "	107 90
Royal Gilmer, " & corn	71 25
Andrew Harrison, "	15 20
Richard Henderson, " gin & cotton	153 31
Thornton Lumpkin, corn, cotton, & hauling	467 94
Willis Jones, cotton	13 75
Jim Jones, "	3 75
Sidney Evans, "	23 25
Ben. Lanson, "	35 27
Richard Yates, " & hauling	98 57
Sol. Willis, "	282 48
July Latson, "	77 25
Peach Willis, "	23 10
Hamp Lanson, "	60 00
Anderson Webb, " & boards	10 92
Miles Gilmer, " & feeding mules	60 00
Prince Jones, "	24 70
Fannie Gates, "	147 65
Wash. Dudley, " making plank fence	444 75
Gabe Gilmer, "	381 01
Randall Brown, cotton, work of mare, & clearing land	233 98
Ben. Williams, for cotton	71 00
Sophy Gates, " "	13 60
York Jackson, " "	101 50
Russell Pruner, " "	224 40

Carried forward.

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23.	" Hamilton & Co.....	201	25
24.	" Robt. Thompson	50	00
25.	" Randall Brown.....	209	11
26.	" Miss Jessie Kimball.....	10	00
27.	" Parish taxes, Caddo.....	8	00
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29.	" Thornton Lumpkins.....	165	03
30.	" Lee Cavirer.....	73	12
31.	" Conway & Buckelew.....	122	97
32.	" Hamilton & Co.....	262	40
33.	" J. J. Horan	6	50
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35.	" Mundy & Miles Gilmer.....	23	50
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Carried forward.

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Wm. Rose, amount paid for cotton	17 50
Jeff. Brooks, " " "	39 75
Paid for corn & cotton, to freedmen on plant'n	43 00
Randall Gilmer, for cotton	8 13
Sandy Gilmer, "	4 00
R. T. Stinson, corn, 68 bush'ls	68 00
W. O. Fish, " 5 "	5 00
S. W. Vance & Co., steam mill, 150 bush'ls corn	150 00
	$4,065 54

This account is paid when the sixth & seventh annual accounts are homologated and made the judgment of the court. Sept. 13th, 1875.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

3. STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Caddo.*

Parish taxes for 1873.

Received of Miss S. E. Vance the sum of eleven and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, amount judgment, interest, and parish taxes for the year 1873 on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof, in accordance with law.

(Signed) S. A. HAMILTON,
Tax Collector, P'h of Caddo.

4. $200.] SHREVEPORT, LA., *Apr. 15th,* 1873.

Received from S. W. Vance two hundred dollars, part pay for flat-boat for Buck Hall plant.

(Signed) A. W. EDWARDS.

5. *Buck Hall, August 24th,* 1873, *in % with Frank Ward.*

1873.

Feb.	10th.	To making 3 plow stocks	4 50
"	"	" cotton frame at mill	2 00
M'ch	15.	" 4 days' work at Buck Hall	10 00
			$16 50

Rece'd payment in full of above account in settlement, August 4th, 1873.

his
FRANK + WARD.
mark.

188 V. 6. $960.00] BUCK HALL, *Decem. 6th,* 1873.

On the first of January, 1875, please pay to Cooper & Grimes nine hundred & sixty dollars, with 8 % interest from 1st of January, 1874.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

To. GEO. W. SENTELL & CO., *New Orleans.*

(Written across the face:) Collected Dec. 3d. 1874.

V. 7. STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

State taxes for 1873, *Novem.* 12*th*, 1874.

Received of Miss S. E. Vance p'r S. W. Vance six hundred and eighty-one $\frac{27}{100}$ dollars, amount of State and parish taxes for the year 1873, on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof, in accordance with law, notice included.

$681.24. (Signed) JOHN C. HEAD,
Per KELLY,
Tax Collector, Bossier.

" 8. STATE OF LOUISIANA, *P'h of Caddo:*

State taxes for 1873, *S'port, Decem.* 1*st*, 1874.

Received from Miss S. E. Vance the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents, amount of State taxes for the year 1873, on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof, in accordance with law.

$14.50. (Signed) S. A. HAMILTON,
Tax Collector, P'h of Caddo.

" 9. $66.62.

Received, Shady Grove, La., Decem. 18th, 1873, of S. W. Vance sixty-six & $\frac{62}{100}$ dollars, in full for work done on fence on levee at Buck Hall, and for work on garden at Buck Hall.

(Signed) CHARLES his + mark. GAMBLE.

Attest: (Signed) ZIEGLER.

" 10. STATE OF LOUISIANA, *P'h of Caddo:*

State and 1 *mill parish tax for* 1872.—*Decem.* 10*th*, 1873.

Received of Miss S. E. Vance, S. W. Vance, agent, the sum of twenty-two dollars & fifty cents, amount of State and 1 mill parish tax, for
189 the year 1872, on the property, &c., as described on the reverse hereof in accordance with law.

$22.50.

(Signed) S. A. HAMILTON,
Tax Collector P'h. of Caddo.

11. BUCK HALL, *Feb.* 17*th*, 1873.

Received of S. W. Vance thirty dollars, for feeding mules, year 1872.

(Signed) JULY his + mark. LATSON.

12. *Tutorship of the minor, S. E. Vance to J. W. Walker, c'k, Dr.*

1873.

Aug. 9. To filing petition & fifth ann'l %..... 10
" " " judg't orders, notice to Banner..... 50

"	"	"	filing 65 vouchers	6 50
Oct.	15.	"	copy 5th annual account	1 40
"	"	"	seal & certificate to same	25
"	"	"	recording 5th annual a/c	70
"	"	"	2 certificates of record	50
Nov.	10.	"	judg't of homologation	50
				$10 90

Rec'ed payment Nov. 16th, 1873.
(Signed) J. W. WALKER, *Clerk.*

" 13. LOUISVILLE, KY., *June 26th*, 1873.

Mr. Vance in a/c with Dora Shulz

1 pr. gloves, 1.50; 3 lin. collars 1.05	2 55
3 linen collars, 25c	75
1 tie, 1.50; polonaise, 6.00	7 50
	$10 80

Paid.
(Signed) DORA SHULZ.

" 14. $11.25.] BUCK HALL PLANT., *Sept. 26th*, 1873.
Received from S. W. Vance eleven & $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars, for fifteen bushels corn sold him for Buck Hall plantation.
(Signed) PHILIP his + mark. SIMPSON.

190 15. BUCK HALL, *Aug. 24th*, 1873.

Buck Hall plant., in a/c with Isam Goodlet.

1873. Aug. 24th. To making 2 harrows 2 50
Rece'ed payment in full of above account, Aug. 24th, 1873.
(Signed) ISAM his + mark. GOODLETT.

16. BUCK HALL, *Aug. 21st*, 1873.
Received from S. W. Vance twenty-four & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, for twenty-five cotton baskets.
(Signed) JACKSON his + mark. WILLIAMS.

17. *S. W. Vance to L. W. Brashier, recorder, Dr.*

To recording deed from S. W. Vance, R. Y. Graves, & M. G. O'Neal, to Sallie E. Vance 1 50
Rec'ed payment of S. W. Vance, per R. C. Stinson.
(Signed) L. W. BRASHEAR,
Recorder.

18. LOUISVILLE, K'Y, *Sept. 20th*, 1873.

Miss Sallie Vance to Jas. H. Cragg, Dr.

To 1 sheet music	75
" 2 " " 60c	1 20
" 2 " " 40c	80
" 7 " " 50c	3 50
" 4 " @ 30, 1.20; 3 sheet, 35c., 1.05	2 25
" 4 " 20c., 80; 1 " 10	90
	$9 40

Rec'ed payment.
(Signed) J. H. CRAGG.

" 19. *S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, in % with Stacy & Poland.*

1873.

Mch. 10.	To 1 bbl. meal	5 50
" 27.	" 1 " "	4 50
Apr. 10.	" 1 sack salt, 2.50; 1 bbl. meal, 5.00	7 50
" "	" 1 doz. hoes, 9.00; 1 keg, 1.00; rice, 57 @ 12½ 7.13	17 13
May 9.	" 1 bbl. meal	4 00
" "	" 1 sack coffee, 167, @ 25c	41 75
		$80 38

Amount carried forward.

191 *% Stacy & Poland.*—Cont'd.

	Am't bro't forw'd	80 38
June 14.	To 150 bush'ls corn, @ 90c	135 00
	Drayage	1 75
" 18.	" 150 " corn, inv. 14th, @ 10c	15 00
" "	" 24 " " 1.00	24 00
" 19.	" 50 " " 1.00	50 00
Aug. 2.	" 3 bbls. pork, @ 25.00	75 00
" 23.	" 1 " meal, at	5 00
Sept. 1.	" 12 canvased hams, 170, @ 20c	34 00
" "	" 2 cases preserves, @ 10.00	20 00
Oct. 4.	" 1 deer skin, 1.50; 1 gal. turpentine, 1.75	3 25
" "	" 12 hams, 1.80, @ 20c	36 00
" "	" 1 sack flour to Fenwick	5 50
Nov. 1.	" 1 bbl. b. flour	13 00
" "	" 2 bbls. mess pork, 27.00	54 00
" "	" 1 doz. hams, 168, @ 20c	33 60
Dec. 10.	" 125 lbs. bacon sides, @ 10c	12 50
" "	" interest, as pr. margin	24 59
		$624 57

SHREVEPORT, *Jan. 28th*, 1874.

Included in thirty-day draft of G. W. Sentell & Co.
(Signed) STACY & POLAND,
P'r GRIFFIN.

" 20. $157.00.] NAZARETH, *Sept. 20th*, 1873.

Received of Dr. S. W. Vance one hundred and fifty-seven dollars, in full for one session, board & tuition of his daughter Sallie. Pocket money, $33.

(Signed) Sister FRANCIS HAVIA,
Treasurer of Nazareth.

" 21. BUCK HALL, *Sept. 14th*, 1873.

Buck Hall plant. in % with Wash. Dudley & Ch. Gamble.

To making 245 panels of plank fence on Buck Hall, at 25c. per panel..... $61 25
One half, Wash. Dudley.....30 62½
" " Ch's Gamble.....30 62½

192 Received payment in full, from S. W. Vance, of the above account.

(Signed) WASHINGTON his + mark. DUDLEY.

" CH'S his + mark. GAMBLE.

" 22. BUCK HALL, *Sept. 15th*, 1873.

Buck Hall plant. in % with Dick Gates.

1873.
To 2½ days' plowing in new ground for R. Gilmer..... 3 50
" hauling rails, 1 day..... 1 50
" putting up fence, ½ day 75
5 75

Rece'd payment in full of above %.

(Signed) RICHARD his + mark. GATES.

"23. *Buck Hall plantation in % with Hamilton & Co.*

1873.
Jan. 22. To 1 keg nails..... 8 12
Feb. 8. " bill rendered..... 17 00
" " " 1 pr. shoes, 1.75; 5 y'ds flannel, 1.25 ..... 3 00
" " " bill for Thornton, 6.15; 1 trunk, 9.00 ..... 15 15
M'ch 8. " " for Henry Gates..... 18 75
" 27. " " rendered..... 4 65
Apr. 5. " " " 17 50
May 31. " " for Susan 13 07
Aug. 13. " " rendered..... 38 95
Oct. 25. " " " 55 51
Interest % 7 55
$201 25

Rece'd payment Feb 2d, 1874.
(Signed) HAMILTON & CO.,
Pr. M. J. MOSS.

24. *Buck Hall plant. in % with Bob Johnson.*

To clearing land, splitting rails, hauling, & over river, 1873..... $50 00

Rec'd payment, by credit on my %, at Shady Grove, Jan. 16th, 1874

(Signed) BOB his + mark. JOHNSON.

Attest:
(Signed) S. J. ZIEGLER.

193 V. 25. $209.11.] BUCK HALL, *Jan. 12th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance one hundred and ninety dollars for cotton bought of me on Buck Hall plantation, and nineteen & $\frac{11}{100}$ dollars for work done on said Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) RANDAL his + mark. BROWN.

" 26. *Dr. Vance to Mrs. Kimble, D'r.*

To one traveling dress..... $10 00

Paid.
(Signed) MRS. JESSIE KIMBLE.

" 27. STATE OF LOUISIANA,
P'h of Caddo:

State & parish 8-mill tax for 1872.—*Jan. 3d*, 1874.

Received of Miss S. E. Vance, S. W. Vance, agent, the sum of eight dollars, amount of 8-mill tax for the year 1872, on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof in accordance with the law.

$8.00.] (Signed) S. A. HAMILTON,
P'r HATCH,
Tax Collector Parish of Caddo.

" 28. BELLEVUE, *January 7th*, 1874.

Mr. S. W. Vance, tutor, to Bossier Banner, D'r.

1872.
Aug. To publishing 4th annual % tutorship of S. E. Vance, 2 sq'r's 2 times..... 4 00
1873.
Aug. 16. To publishing 5th annual % tutorship of S. E. Vance, 4 sq'r's 4 times..... 4 00

$8 00

Rece'd, Benton, La., January 19th, 1874, of Dr. S. W. Vance on the within, eight dollars.

(Signed) W. H. SCANLAND,
P'r R. J. LONG.

" 29. $165.00.] BUCK HALL, *January 9th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of one hundred and sixty-five dollars, for hauling on Buck Hall plant., year 1873.

(Signed) THORNTON his + mark LUMPKIN.

194 V. 30. *S. W. Vance, Buck Hall plantation, in % with Lee Carrier.*

1873.			
July 17th.	To 3¾ lbs rope, @ 30c., p'r A. L. Chapman	1	12
June 26	" 2 axles, @ 2.00, p'r Fleming	4	00
Nov. 29	" mdze., paid Frank Martin	7	80
1874.			
Jan. 1.	" 2,500 bricks, @ 16.00 p'r M	40	00
" 15.	" Thos. Walker, order on you	20	00
May 8.	" 1 box mustard, p'r P. Fleming		20
		$73	12

May 20th. Received payment.

(Signed) LEE CARRIER.

" 31. *Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, in % with Conway & Buckelew.*

1873.			
Feb. 1st.	12¾ lbs cotton rope	4	00
Mc'h 5.	1 #1 B steel plow	9	50
" 8.	1 " " " "	9	50
" 20.	" add 10 %	1	90
" "	L. & J. handsaw, 3.00; 1 office desk, 1.50	4	50
Apr. 1.	Amount bill rendered	5	08
" 19.	1 doz. #3 steel hoes	9	00
May 17.	2 brass screw rings, 35		70
Aug, 2.	Lot pipe boxes, 23 lbs. @ 15c	3	45
" "	Cutting and drayage		75
	Interest on % at 8 % per annum from 1st and succeeding months to 1st January	2	77
1874.			
Jan. 12.	Amount bill rendered	53	26
		43	71
Feb. 2.	" " "	26	00
		$122	99

Settled by draft on G. W. Sentell & Co., Feb. 4th, 1874.

(Signed) CONWAY & BUCKELEW,
P'r ROGERS.

32. SHREVEPORT, LA., *March 6th*, 1873.

Dr. S. W. Vance in % with Hamilton & Co.

195 Hamilton & Co.

16 bbls. pork, @ 16.00..... 262 40
Charged to % of S. W. Vance, Jan. 1st, 1874, for Buck Hall Plantation.

33. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Aug. 18th*, 1873.

Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall Plant., bought of John J. Horan:
1 saddle 6 00
Paid. (Signed) JOHN J. HORAN.

34. BUCK HALL, *Sept. 14th*, 1873.

Received from S. W. Vance fifteen dollars, for fifteen baskets, Sept. 14th, 1873.

(Signed). his WM. + JOHNSON. mark.

35. BUCK HALL, *Oct. 6th*, 1873.

Buck Hall plant. in % with Mury Gilmer.

To nine days, @ 1.50..... 13 50
Received payment from S. W. Vance.

(Signed) his MURY + GILMER. mark.

Buck Hall plant. in % with Miles Gardner.

To 5½ days work, @ 1.50..... 8 25
" 90 bundles fodder..... 1 75

$10 00

Received payment from S. W. Vance.

(Signed) his MILES + GILMER. mark.

36. SHREVEPORT, *La., January 1st*, 1874.

Dr. Vance, bought of Mrs. A. McDermott:
1873.
Aug. To 4 bunches zephyr worsted, 1.50..... 6 00
" " 1 ladies' hat 6 50
Received payment,
(Signed) J. E. WRIGHT, P'r McDERMOTT.

37. SHREVEPORT, *Aug. 27th*, 1873.

Miss Sallie E. Vance to D. S. McKitrick, Dr.

To dental services, filling 6..... 25 00
Rec'ed payment,
(Signed) D. S. McKITRICK.

" 29. $165.00.] BUCK HALL, *January 9th*, 1874.

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(Signed) THORNTON his + mark LUMPKIN.

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Nov. 29	" mdze., paid Frank Martin	7	80
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" 15.	" Thos. Walker, order on you	20	00
May 8.	" 1 box mustard, p'r P. Fleming		20
		$73	12

May 20th. Received payment.

(Signed) LEE CARRIER.

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1873.			
Feb. 1st.	12¾ lbs cotton rope	4	00
Mc'h 5.	1 #1 B steel plow	9	50
" 8.	1 " " " "	9	50
" 20.	" add 10 %	1	90
" "	L. & J. handsaw, 3.00; 1 office desk, 1.50	4	50
Apr. 1.	Amount bill rendered	5	08
" 19.	1 doz. #3 steel hoes	9	00
May 17.	2 brass screw rings, 35		70
Aug, 2.	Lot pipe boxes, 23 lbs. @ 15c	3	45
" "	Cutting and drayage		75
	Interest on % at 8 % per annum from 1st and succeeding months to 1st January	2	77
1874.			
Jan. 12.	Amount bill rendered	53	26
		43	71
Feb. 2.	" " "	26	00
		$122	99

Settled by draft on G. W. Sentell & Co., Feb. 4th, 1874.

(Signed) CONWAY & BUCKELEW,
P'r ROGERS.

32. SHREVEPORT, LA., *March 6th*, 1873.

Dr. S. W. Vance in % with Hamilton & Co.

195 Hamilton & Co.

16 bbls. pork, @ 16.00..... 262 40
Charged to % of S. W. Vance, Jan. 1st, 1874, for Buck Hall Plantation.

33. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Aug. 18th*, 1873.

Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall Plant., bought of John J. Horan:
1 saddle 6 00
Paid. (Signed) JOHN J. HORAN.

34. BUCK HALL, *Sept. 14th*, 1873.

Received from S. W. Vance fifteen dollars, for fifteen baskets, Sept. 14th, 1873.

(Signed). his WM. + JOHNSON. mark.

35. BUCK HALL, *Oct. 6th*, 1873.

Buck Hall plant. in % with Mury Gilmer.

To nine days, @ 1.50..... 13 50
Received payment from S. W. Vance.

(Signed) his MURY + GILMER. mark.

Buck Hall plant. in % with Miles Gardner.

To 5½ days work, @ 1.50..... 8 25
" 90 bundles fodder..... 1 75

$10 00

Received payment from S. W. Vance.

(Signed) his MILES + GILMER. mark.

36. SHREVEPORT, *La., January 1st*, 1874.

Dr. Vance, bought of Mrs. A. McDermott:
1873.
Aug. To 4 bunches zephyr worsted, 1.50..... 6 00
" " 1 ladies' hat 6 50
Received payment,
(Signed) J. E. WRIGHT, P'r McDERMOTT.

37. SHREVEPORT, *Aug. 27th*, 1873.

Miss Sallie E. Vance to D. S. McKitrick, Dr.

To dental services, filling 6..... 25 00
Rec'ed payment,
(Signed) D. S. McKITRICK.

196 V. 38. *Buck Hall Plantation in % with Vance blacksmith shop.*

1873.				
Jan.	7.	To shoeing 2 horses		3 75
"	16.	" " 1 horse, 1.25; s. tree, 1.25; d. tree, 1.50		4 00
"	"	" " 1 "		1 25
"	"	" lap-ring & hook		50
"	20.	" repairing cotton-frame		3 00
"	"	" shoeing Fannie		65
"	24.	" work on plow-gate		2 00
"	"	" " " " Henry Gates		1 25
"	31.	" laying-plow, Prince Pruner		2 50
Feb.	6.	" " " Dick Gates		1 25
"	"	" repairing plow, &c., Royal Gilmer		4 75
"	"	" " " Bob Brooks		3 25
"	"	" " hames, Frank Ward		50
"	16.	" single-trees, Royal		4 50
"	"	" 1 lap-ring, "		25
"	"	" 9 links to trace		1 15
"	"	" 1 single-tree, And'w Ward		1 25
"	"	" 1 " " " "		95
"	"	" 1 lap-ring & link		40
"	"	" repairing hames, Royal		50
"	"	" 1 handle & round, Randal		40
"	"	" 1 " " Royal		40
"	"	" 1 single & plow, Randal		1 25
"	"	" 1 p'r trees, Royal		4 50
"	"	" 1 lap-ring		25
"	"	" 1 d. tree, Peach Willis		1 50
"	"	" laying 1 plow		1 25
"	"	" 1 s. tree, Bob B.		1 25
"	"	" repairing traces		75
		Amount carried forward		49 20

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	1873.		Amount brought forward	49 20
	Feb.	12th. To repairing plow & hames		75
"	"	" lap ring, Ben Lauson		25
"	"	" 1 round & handle		40
"	"	" repairing one plow, Thornton		1 75
"	"	" " " " Jeff		1 75
"	13.	" work for Jerry Barnett		2 25
"	"	" 1 set trees; 1 lap ring, Thornton		4 75
"	18.	" repairing 2 stocks, Ben L.		1 50
"	26.	" " plow, Ben Williams		1 50
"	"	" " " Randal		25
"	"	" 1 share, 8 lbs., @ 2*s*		2 00
"	"	" 1 plow-beam, Royal Gilmer		1 00
"	25.	" repairing hames, Wm. Rose		50

"	"	"	sharp'g 1 plow, Dick Gates	25
"	26.	"	1 clevis, Bob Brooks	75
M'ch	3.	"	sharp'g 1 plow, Miles	25
"	"	"	repairing plow	3 25
"	"	"	1 set trees, Jim	4 50
"	"	"	2 hoe helves	50
"	6th.	"	1 new plow & stock, Brook	8 00
"	"	"	repairing 2 plows, Randall	7 50
"	"	"	work for Royal	65
"	"	"	repairing clevis, P. W	50
"	"	"	1 handle, Ben	25
"	"	"	1 clevis, Jerry	75
"	10.	"	1 d. tree & beam, 29 #	7 50
"	"	"	repairing plow	1 50
"	"	"	sh'p'g 2 plows	50
"	"	"	lap ring, Hardeman	25
			Amount carried forward	104 50

198 1873. Amount brought forward 104 50

March	11.	To	repairing hames	50
"	"	"	one bull tongue, Bob Brooks	2 00
"	"	"	one heel bolt	50
"	"	"	shoeing horse	1 25
"	14.	"	rods & staples	3 00
"	"	"	1 shovel plow, 7 #	1 75
"	16.	"	sharp'g 1 plow	50
"	"	"	3 links	35
"	20.	"	1 bull tongue & heel bolt	2 25
"	24.	"	repairing plows, &c	5 65
"	28.	"	" "	4 15
"	"	"	" " Thornton	75
Apr.	4.	"	" " &c	10 00
"	"	"	1 colter & 3 rounds	5 50
"	"	"	2 p'rs staples	50
"	"	"	shoeing horse	1 25
"	14.	"	iron for new flat, 207 lbs., 20c	41 40
"	15.	"	sharp'g plow, Thornton	25
"	24.	"	repairing plows, &c	8 25
"	29.	"	shoeing horse	1 25
"	"	"	repairing plows, &c	3 50
May	5.	"	shoeing 2 horses, 10s	2 50
"	"	"	repairing plows	5 40
"	13.	"	1 buggy wrench	1 00
"	"	"	rep'g plows	5 40
"	19.	"	" " stock	6 90
"	22.	"	" " "	5 25
"	"	"	" " "	6 10
"	28.	"	1 stock	1 50
"	"	"	rep'g plows, &c	7 75
			Amount carried forward	240 85

199			Amount brought forward	240 85
	1874.			
June	3.	To	shoeing horse	1 25
"	"	"	1 rod, 6*s*.; shp'g plow 2*s*	1 00
"	"	"	rep'g 1 sweep, Wm. Rose	1 00
"	"	"	heel bolt, &c	75
"	"	"	1 beam royal	75
"	7.	"	rep'g 1 sweep, Bob B.	50
"	18.	"	shoeing Mingo	1 25
"	"	"	sh'p'g 1 sweep	50
"	20.	"	work on plows	5 15
"	"	"	1 tail tap	25
"	25.	"	1 share, Ben Lauson	3 50
"	"	"	work on plows	1 75
"	"	"	2 bolts, 2*s*	50
"	"	"	1 share, 10 lbs, @ 2*s*	2 50
July	3d.	"	work on plows	6 90
"	8th.	"	3 handles, 2*s*	75
"	"	"	work on sweep, &c	3 00
"	13.	"	" " "	5 40
"	16.	"	handle	25
"	25.	"	wagon tongue	6 00
"	"	"	shoeing horse	1 25
"	"	"	work on plows	3 25
"	31.	"	" " "	3 50
Aug.	9.	"	" " "	3 65
"	13.	"	repairing spades & shovels	1 25
"	23.	"	" wagon wood work	18 00
"	"	"	" iron "	25 00
"	"	"	" plows	1 25
Sept.	5th.	"	2 wagon tires, 126 lbs., @ 15c	18 90
			Amount carried forward	359 85
200			Amount brought forward	359 85
	1873.			
Sept.	5th.	To	putting old tire	1 50
"	"	"	repairing chain	25
"	12.	"	shoeing 2 horses, 10*s*	2 50
"	"	"	repairing carriage	1 50
"	"	"	nut on plow	25
"	"	"	linchpin, nails, & staples	75
"	23.	"	shoeing 2 mules	2 50
"	"	"	" 1 mare	1 25
"	"	"	linchpin, 50c.; coupling-pin, 6*s*	1 25
"	24.	"	pair fallow block, 25 lbs	6 25
"	"	"	extra swoom	1 00
"	"	"	welding band, 2*s*.; 2 staples, 2*s*	50
Oct.	7.	"	fastening for doors, &c	1 25
June	27th.	"	work on plows, &c	3 00
Oct.	17.	"	1 punch	75

Nov. 14.	"	repairing buggy, 2.50; wagon, 1.50	4 00
M'ch 31.	"	work on plows	4 65
Nov. 12.	"	repairing 2 shovels, 4*s*	1 00
" 6.	"	6 prs. hinges, 8*s*	6 00
" 9.	"	repairing hames	50
Dec. 11.	"	" "	25
" 8.	"	" buggy	2 00
" 22.	"	5 prs. hinges	5 75
" "	"	4 gate-fasteners, 6*s*	3 00
" "	"	4 hooks & staples, 2*s*	1 00
		Amount due 31st Decem., 1873	$413 00

This bill is settled when this 6th annual % is homologated and made the judgment of the court.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

201 39. Memorandum of merchandise purchased and freight bills paid for Buck Hall plantation by G. W. Sentell & Co., and charged to % of S. W. Vance.

1872.

April 17.	To merch'd'se invoice rendered this date		$342 51
May 18.	" " " " "		$525 06
Feb. 10.	" " " " "		$587 99
" 20.	" " " " "		65 67
" 22.	" " " " "		64 35
M'ch 28.	" cash paid, up freight p'r 13th Era		25 20
Apr. 5.	" mer'd'ze invoice rendered this date		90 36
" 26.	" " " " "		300 42
" "	" cash paid, up freight p'r Lotus No. 3		6 25
May 7.	" " " " " J. T. Moore		37 10
" "	" merch'ze invoice rendered this date		124 59
" "	" interest on above % @ 8 %		110 43
	Taken from % am't dated June 28th, 1873		$2,279 93

1873.

July 26.	To invoice rendered this date		322 96
Nov. 13.	" " " "		80 90
Decem. 6.	" " " "		47 35
" 29.	" cash paid, up f't p'r Bryarly		3 75

1874.

Feb. 4.	" mer'd'ze invoice rendered this date		87 11
" 7.	" " " " " "		126 30
" 20.	" " " " " "		83 84
M'ch. 25.	" " " " " "		518 84
Apr. 29.	" cash paid, up freight p'r Selma		45 50
May 27.	" merch'd'ze invoice rendered this date		220 79
	Interest on above at 8%		41 89

Taken from % current dated May 27th, '74		$1,579 43
Amount from account dated June 28th, '73		$2,279 93
Carried forward		$3,859 36
202 Amount brought forward		3,859 36
Amount paid since above % was rendered:		
1874.		
June 12th. Cash paid, up freight p'r Lizzie Taylor		31 50
July 7. M'd'ze invoice rendered this date		195 64
" 31. Cash paid, up freight for C. H. Durfee		15 25
		$4,101 75

Total amount charged to Dr. S. W. Vance for Buck Hall plantation from April 17th, 1872, to July 31st, 1874, $4,101.75.

This bill was charged in tutor's individual bill, and tutor will receive pay when this account, sixth annual, is homologated and made the judgment of the court.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

40. $175.00.] BUCK HALL, *January 1st*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance one hundred and seventy-five dollars for feeding mules and attending them year 1873.

(Signed) GABE his + mark. GILMER.

(Endorsed:) Filed Jan. 13th, 1876. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k.

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence marked G. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k.

SEVENTH ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

Petition, 7th annual %, vouchers, order, &c.

PETITION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

To the honorable parish judge of the parish court of said parish:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that he herewith files his seventh annual account as natural tutor to his minor daughter, Sallie E. Vance.

203 Your petitioner represents that in all his previous accounts filed that he has accounted in full for all property proceeds of same belonging to his said minor daughter, Sallie E. Vance. Your petitioner prays that after the legal delays that this statement be approved, homologated, and made the judgment of the court. He prays that Peach B. Gilmer, of this said State and parish, as under tutor, be duly notified of the filing of this account, and prays for all rules, notices, orders, and decrees needful in the premises, and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Nat'l Tutor.

I have examined this account, with accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct and fully approve the same, and waive notice of the filing of the same, this 24th day of November, 1875.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

Miss Sallie E. Vance in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.

Vouchers.

1.	To balance due tutor from 6th annual account	10,050 70
2.	Conway & Buckelew	107 71
3.	Freight bill La Belle	22 25
4.	Ben Williams	16 25
5.	Gregg & Ford	4 00
6.	Gabe Gilmer	4 25
7.	A. L. Chapman	560 44
8.	William Rose	16 25
9.	Sandy Gilmer	7 75
	Carried forward.	
204	Amount brought forward.	
10.	Gabe Gilmer	2 50
11.	Willis Jones	10 30
12.	Steve Williams	1 00
13.	Ben Williams	16 25
14.	Cook Newman	5 23
15.	Sandy Gilmer	1 25
16.	Horan & Looney	4 00
17.	Nazareth school	310 40
18.	" "	38 00
19.	Richard Gates	30 00
20.	Store % Shady Grove	1,887 96
21.	Thos. J. Forgey	350 00
22.	Richard Gates	4 00
23.	Nazareth school	276 96
24.	" "	54 96
25.	James Vance	12 00
26.	Wm. Rose	16 25
27.	Freight bill Royal George	3 50
28.	Royal Gilmer	20 34
29.	Cash to freedmen, Buck Hall	16 00
30.	Thos. B. Walker	20 75
31.	Horan & Looney	7 75
32.	Wash. Dudley	74 27
33.	Wm. Welt	1 35
34.	E. McKeller	21 19
35.	Geo. W. Byrne	64 00
36.	Ben Williams	16 25
37.	Nazareth school	186 79
38.	Est'te A. L. Chapman, dec'd	36 25
39.	Cooper & Grimes	600 00
40.	William Rose	16 25
	Amount carried over	$5,044 75

205	Amount brought forward	$5,044 75
	41. S. W. Vance, tutor %	132 00
42.	Frank Ward & Isam Goodlet	306 75
43.	Jeff Parker	1 85
44.	Rich'd Gates	2 25
45.	Miles Gilmer	4 50
46.	Royal Gilmer	7 25
47.	Stacy & Poland	266 03
48.	Gabe Gilmer	1 25
49.	Nazareth School	186 79
50.	Freedmen, planting cotton	10 88
51.	Russel Pruner	32 83
52.	Stacy & Poland	18 10
53.	Tom Rose	10 00
54.	Jeff Parker	1 50
55.	Hardeman Brown	2 38
56.	Gabe Gilmer	4 50
57.	Jerry Barnett	2 62
58.	Frank Williams	1 50
59.	Hamilton & Co	124 27
60.	Horan & Looney	22 19
61.	Royal Gilmer	1 50
62.	Jeff Parker	1 00
63.	Fannie Lumpkins	37 50
64.	Paul Adams	2 25
65.	Carrier, Hughes Co	34 23
66.	Gabe Gilmer, feeding mules	125 00
67.	Paul Adams	1 12
68.	Buck Hall plantation %	107 75
69.	Gabe Gilmer	250 00
70.	Freedmen, clearing land	43 71
71.	Jerry Barnett	4 50
	72. M. Montgomery	40 00
206	73. Russell Holmes	21 00
	74. State & parish taxes	263 03
75.	Ed Hall	5 75
76.	Lee Carrier, mill %	56 03
77.	Caddo Parish taxes	14 50
78.	Nazareth School	242 00
79.	Andrew Martin	6 62
80.	D. B. Martin, bill	7 80
81.	G. W. Sentell & Co	2,329 55
		$19,836 83
	Credit by error in voucher 66	125 00
	Total amount due tutor	$19,711 83

CREDIT.

By cotton crop 1874	10,876 40
Rent Plaindealing plantation 1874	226 00
" Ala., after paying taxes 1874–'75, ½ proceeds	55 78
	$11,158 18
Balance due tutor	$8,553 65

Leaving a balance due tutor the sum of eight thousand five hundred & fifty-three & $\frac{65}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
N'l Tutor.

By amount in error, sixth annual %	$3,222 79
Leaving balance due tutor on 7th annual %	$5,331 86

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

VOUCHERS.

1. *Miss Sallie E. Vance in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

To balance due tutor in 6th annual %	10,056 70

2. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Oct.* 31*st*, 1874.

Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, bought of Conway & Buckelew:

Feb.	2d.	To 1 p'r sad-irons	1 65
Apr.	11.	" 1doz. #3 g. hoes	10 00
		Amount carried forward	11 55
207		Amount brought forward	11 65
1874.			
May	24th.	To 3 s. hoes, 1.00	3 00
"	"	" 1 keg 10*d* nails, 5.50; add 10 %	6 05
June	8.	" 1 steel hoe	1 00
July	4.	" Amount bill rendered	2 00
"	8.	" 1 oil can, 50; 1 pat balance, % Chapman, 2.75	3 25
"	"	" 1 cow bell, 75; 1 mal wrench	1 15
"	"	" 287 lbs. $\frac{5}{16}$ C. chain @ 17c	48 79
Aug.	10.	" 1 keg 6*d* nails, 5.75; add 10 %	6 32
Sept.	19.	Amount bill rendered	8 46
"	26.	1 lock	90
Oct.	3d.	Amount bill rendered	5 40
		Interest @ 8 % per annum	2 07
		" " " " " from 1st Nov. to Feb., '75	2 34
Nov.	6.	12 boxes axle grease 2*s*	3 00
"		1 sheep shear	2 00
			$107 41

Paid March 11th, 1875.

(Signed) CONWAY & BUCKELEW,
P'r ROGERS.

BUCK HALL PLANT., *July*, 1873.

Dr. S. W. Vance to Steamer La Belle.

Freight on 10 rolls bagging	12 50
" " ½ " "	75
" " 30 bundles ties	9 00
	$22 25

Paid.
(Signed) DODD.

4. BUCK HALL PLANT., *Nov. 14th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance sixteen & $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars for corn furnished Buck Hall plantation Sept. 10th, 1874.

(Signed) his BEN + mark. WILLIAMS.

5. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Sept. 26th*, 1874.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Gregg & Ford.

2 sacks salt, 2.00 ..... 4 00

Paid.

GREGG & FORD.

208 6. BUCK HALL, *Sept. 26th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance four and $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars for plowing on the Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) his GABE + mark. GILMER.

7. *Miss Sallie E. Vance in % with A. L. Chapman, deceased.*

To services rendered on the Buck Hall plantation, year 1873, as overseen on said plantation, the sum of five hundred and sixty $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars ($560.44). I certify that as the executor of A. L. Chapman, deceased, that the above sum was paid to A. L. Chapman, now dece'd, previous to his death, by reference to % book of S. W. Vance, page 160 & 161.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Executor*.

8. $16.25.] BUCK HALL, *Novem.* 22, '74.

Received from S. W. Vance sixteen & $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars for corn furnished Buck Hall plant'n in Sept., 1874.

(Signed) his WM. + mark. ROSE.

9. $7.25.] BUCK HALL, *Sept. 4th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance seven $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars for eight collars and clearing land near Cash Point.

(Signed) his SANDY + mark. GILMER.

10. $2.50.] BUCK HALL, *Nov. 22d*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance two and half dollars for plowing in barley.

(Signed) GABE his + mark. GILMER.

11. BUCK HALL, *Nov. 16th*, 1874.

Willis Jones in % with Gabe Gilmer.

Nov. 12. To picking 1,374 lbs cotton, @ 75c..... 10 30

Rece'd payment in full of this account Nov. 20th, 1874.

(Signed) GABE his + mark. GILMER.

209 V. 12. BUCK HALL, *Novem. 22d*, 1874.

$1.00. Received from S. W. Vance one dollar, for hauling ties for cotton, Nov. 21st, 1874.

(Signed) STEVE his + mark. WILLIAMS.

" 13. BUCK HALL, *Novem. 22d*, 1874.

$16.25. Received from S. W. Vance sixteen $\frac{25}{100}$ doll's, for corn sold Buck Hall plantation in Sept., 1874.

(Signed) BEN his + mark. WILLIAMS.

" 14. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Sept. 20th*, 1874.

Dr. S. W. Vance to Cook & Newman, Dr.

1874.

Sept. 26th.	Bottoms in 3 foot-tubs, 65c.....	1 95
Oct. 24.	1 copper cotton-brand	3 38
		$5 33

Paid.

(Signed) COOK & NEWMAN.

" 15. Received from S. W. Vance one $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars, for hauling corn for Buck Hall plantation, May 10th.

(Signed) SANDY his + mark. GILMER.

" 16. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Sept. 26th*, 1874.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Horan & Looney: 80 lbs tallow, @ 5c..... $4 00

Paid.

(Signed) HORAN & LOONEY.

" 17. *Mrs. S. W. Vance in ℅ with Nazareth Institution, Bardstown, Ky.*

1873.

Sept. 1.	To session board & tuition, $88; stationery, $8; bed, $6		102 00
" " "	Dr.'s fee, 5.00; washing, 5.00; piano, 20.00; dancing, $10		40 00
" " "	French, $10; tapestry, 5.00; library, 1.00		16 00
	By credit of cash	$157 00	
	Amount carried forward	$157 00	158 00
210	Amount brought forward....cr. 157.00; dr.		$158 00

1874.

Feb. 1st.	To session board & tuition, $88; stationery, $8; bed, $6.00		$102 00
" " "	Dr. fees, 5.00; washing, 5.00; piano, $20; French, $10.00		40 00
" " "	tapestry, $5; amount pocket money, 5.34		10 34
			$310 34

CREDIT.

By cash Sept. 1st,	157 00	
" check for balance due	153 34	
		$310 34

(Signed) Sister FRANCIS HAVIER,
Treasurer of Nazareth.

18. *Miss Sallie Vance, Dr.*

1873.

Sept. 20.	To shoes	2 85
" 26 "	tapestry material	5 00
" " "	chemise yoke 80, stillet 5	85
Nov. 13.	" blank-book 67c; mending materials, 4.25	4 92
" " "	5½ y'ds cambric 62; drilling 20c	82
" " "	trimming, 35	35
Dec'r 23.	" confectionary for Christmas	5 00
" " "	" stamps, 45, binding music book, 2.50	2 95

1874.

Jan. 20.	Sheet music	4 25
Feb. 2.	Tapestry material	5 00
		$38 34

CREDITS.

Sept. 20th, by cash	33 00	
" am't bro't to ledger	5 34	
	38 34	38 34

(Signed) Sister FRANCIS HAVIER,
Tre'r Nazareth.

19. $30.00.] BUCK HALL, *Feb. 16th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance thirty dollars, for work of horse and driving wagon two days.

(Signed) RICHARD his + mark. GATES.

211 20. Buck Hall plantation, bought of S. W. Vance Shady Grove Store:

1873.

April	17.	1 bot. whiskey, "Chapman"	1 00
May	14.	2 lbs. rope, 3s	75
"	19.	1 " " Jerry	30
"	21.	M'd'ze. p'd Jeff Carter, order	7 25
"	26.	" " Prince Jones, "	15 50
"	"	" " Thornton Johnson	22 25
June	5.	" " Dick Henderson	5 25
"	"	" " Peach Willis	5 75
"	7.	" " Sandy Gilmer	7 50
"	"	" " Henry Lanson	3 75
"	"	" " Ben Lanson	1 00
"	14.	" " Jerry Barnett	10 50
"	16.	" " Steve Williams	2 40
"	18.	" " Ben Lanson	20 00
"	21.	" " Royal Gilmer	7 75
"	"	" " July Latson	7 00
"	"	" " Sol Willis	10 87
"	"	" " "	3 00
"	27.	One padlock	75
July	1.	Mer'd'se, order, Bell Rose	75
"	"	" " Peach Willis	75
"	3.	Axe helve	30
"	4.	Merch'dse, order, Bob Brooks	7 35
"	5.	" " Jeff Bruner	75
"	31.	Cash p'd Hostin Walker	6 00
Aug.	6.	1 bot. whiskey, "Chapman"	75
"	16.	1 " " "	75
"	23.	Merch'ze, order, Peach Willis	50
"	"	" " Ephram	1 00
Sept.	6.	" " Jeff Parker	6 00
		Carried forward	157, 49

212 Amount brought forward 157, 47

1874.

Sept.	24.	To merch'd'ze, order, "Chapman"	1 50
"	25.	" " " Henry Gates	4 50
"	20.	" " " Sol Willis	2 60
"	27.	" " " Anderson Welt on Chapman	12 75
"	"	" " " Dick Henderson "	6 75
"	29.	" " p'r order	5 75
"	"	" " " Dick Gates	6 00

"	"	"	1 padlock, Chapman	2 50
Oct.	3.	"	4 hanks twine, 60c	2 40
"	4.	"	cash paid C. A. Smith, 22 bus. corn	16 50
"	6.	"	1 plug tobacco, order	50
"	8.	"	merch'd'ze, order, Mundy Gilmer	5 00
"	"	"	20 lbs. pork to Thornton L., order Chapman	4 00
"	12.	"	cash paid C. A. Smith, part corn	10 00
"	"	"	merch'd'se, Mundy, an order	3 00
"	"	"	" Miles Gilmer	10 00
"	"	"	" Bob Brooks	6 00
"	14.	"	" Frank Martin, Chapman	10 50
"	"	"	" Royal Gilmer	9 75
"	"	"	" Sandy Gilmer	11 25
"	"	"	" Willis	4 05
"	16.	"	" Tom Bell	12 20
"	18.	"	" Gabe Gilmer	21 50
"	"	"	" Henry Williams	5 25
"	"	"	" "	2 25
"	"	"	for corn, order, Chapman	7 50
"	"	"	" Royal	1 50
"	"	"	order for corn	3 75
"	"	"	paid Smithy bal'ce for corn	5 00
			Amount carried forward	$351 72
213			Amount brought forward	351 72
	1873.			
Oct.	18.	To	me'c'dze, Wm. Rose	3 00
"	23.	"	O. Harrison, corn	13 50
"	24.	"	Mundy Gilman	5 00
"	25.	"	for corn, receipt from Chapman	28 45
"	"	"	July Latson	9 00
"	"	"	Henry E	3 00
"	"	"	Frank Collins	3 00
"	23	"	S. W. Vance, amt. of % of Buck Hall plant. hands, from Jan. 1st, '73, to April 1st, 1873, list rendered	114 80
"	"		Sundries, amt. of % of hands, transf'r % from Apr. 1st, 1873, to date, list rendered	916 20
"	27.		merch'dize Eliza S. for corn	2 20
"	"		" Tom Lincoln	8 00
"	"		" Dick Henderson	3 00
"	28.		" T. Lumpkins, 1.30; axle grease 2s	1 55
"	31.		" Jerry B	5 25
"	"		Amount p'd. Sampson Riley for corn	4 50
"	"		" " Willis "	1 95
Nov.	1.		Merch'd'se, Bob Brooks, 12.50; A Wett, 6.75	19 25
"	"		" Fred Kenny	3 75
"	"		4 Ben Lauson, corn	6 25
"	"		" Peach Willis	3 00
"	"		" Ben Lauson	1 25
"	"		" Gabe Gilmer	3 00

"	"	"	Chs. Benton	5 67
"	"	"	July	6 00
"	"	"	Oliver, corn	10 50
"	"	"	Eliza Belle	1 55
			Amount carried foward	$1,534 34

1873.

214		Amount brought forward	$1,531 34
Nov. 8th.	1 bot. whiskey, order		1 00
" 10.	1 " " Buckner		50
" 18.	pd. Thornton Johnson		4 55
" 24.	" Nero Goodwick		3 75
Dec. 11.	" Henry Lauson		75
" "	" John Jones, Oliver & Sam		25 00
" "	" Wily Gray		7 50
" "	" amount of % transferred to date		$262 55
1874.	Total bal. due 31st Decem., 1873		$1,839 94
Jan. 3d.	½ gall. whiskey, 1.25; tobacco, 25		1 50
" 6	ax & plow		2 00
" "	merch'd'se Dick H		2 25
" 8.	½ gall. whiskey		1 00
" 22.	merch'd'se, Jeff. Parker		2 00
Feb. 7.	" Peach, 2.50; Dick, 1.25		3 75
" 10.	" 37 lbs nails, 10c		3 75
" 12.	" 26 lbs "		2 60
M'c'h 3.	" 4 boxes axle grease, 2s		1 00
" 5.	" 8 lbs nails 9c		72
" 11.	" mer'd'se, Sol Willis		3 00
" 14.	" " Tom & Sandy, order		1 00
" 18.	" hand-saw file		25
" 31.	" 5 lbs nails		50
Apr.. 17.	" m'd'se, Tom Rose, gin driver		21 00
" 18.	" brass padlock		1 75
	Amount due S. W. Vance		$1,887 96

SHADY GROVE, *Jan.* 15, 1874.

E. O. E.

21. BUCK HALL, *January 28th,* '74.

$550.00. Rec'ed from S. W. Vance five hundred & fifty dollars, sight draft on G. W. Sentell & Co., New Orleans.

215 Five hundred dollars draft, and fifty dolls. cash paid me.
(Signed) THOMAS J. FORGEY.

22. $4.00.] BUCK HALL, *Feb. 16th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance four dollars, for eight hundred boards for Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) JEFF his + mark. PARKER.

(") ANDERSON his + mark. WELT.

23. *Mr. S. W. Vance, for daughter Sallie, in % with Nazareth Institution, Bardstown, Ky.*

1874.			
July 1st.	To board during vacation		27 00
Sept. 7th.	" session board & tuition, $88; stationery, $8; bed, $6.00		102 00
" "	" Dr's fee, $5; washing, $5; piano, $20; French, $10; guitar, $12		52 00
" "	" library, 1.00; Martin's guitar, $40		41 00
" 29.	" amount from pocket money %		54 96
			$276 96

CREDIT.

Nov. 4th.	By cash in full	276 96	
		276 96	276 96

(Signed) Sister FRANCIS XAVIER,
Treasurer Nazareth.

" 24. *Miss Sallie Vance, Dr.*

1874.			
Feb. 13th.	To cash for Ave Maria		3 00
"	" shoes, 2.85, Mc'h 11th, to bonnet, 1.00		3 85
Apr. 1.	" shoe strings, 10; soap, 20; percale, 90		1 20
" "	" floss, 40c.; sodality money, 50		90
June 1.	" hair pins, & pins, 10c.; garters, 15; medicine, 10		35
" "	" stamps, 75; festival Christmas, 25		1 00
" "	" pencil, 5; corset, 90; h'k'f, 60 c.; ribbons, 25		1 80
" "	" 4 p'rs hoes, $2; ½ doz. h'k'fs, 1.50; fan, 20		3 70
" 20.	" 7¾ y'ds swiss, 4.35; trimmings, 50		4 85
" "	" sewing, 1.50; cloth shoes, $2.85		4 35
	Carried forward.		
1874.			
216	Brought forward.		
Aug. 5th.	To cash, 3.00; Sept. 1st to shoes, 2.85		5 85
Sept. 3d.	" fair ticket, 15c.; stamps, 60; 4 p'rs hose, $2		2 75
" "	" blank book, 85; pencil & rubber, 10c.		95

"	20.	"	14½ yd's calico, 3.62; 5 yd's merino, 5.00	8 65
"	"	"	6½ " cambric, 78c.; drilling, 15c.....	93
"	"	"	trimmings, 75; sack, 2.25.....	3 00
"	"	"	2⅜ y'ds lustre, 1.73; sewing, 3.85.....	5 58
"	"	"	3¾ y'ds flannel	2 25
				$54 96

CREDIT.

By amount brought to ledger ℔ $54 96

$54 96 $54 96

(Signed) Sister XAVIER,
Treasurer of Nazareth.

" 25. $12.00] BUCK HALL, *Decem 16th*, 1874.
Received from S. W. Vance, twelve dollars for baskets, &c., for Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) JAMES his + mark. VANCE.

" 26. BUCK HALL, *Nov. 14th*, 1874.
Received from S. W. Vance, for corn furnished Buck Hall plant.
Sept. 14th, 1874, 16¼ bushels at $1.00 p'r bushel..... $16 25

(Signed) WM. his + mark. ROSE.

" 27. BUCK HALL, *Apr' 16th*, 1874.
Mr. S. W. Vance, to steamer Royal George, Dr.

1874.

To freight on 5 sacks salt	2 50
" " " 2 bbls flour	1 00
Paid.	$3 50

(Signed) WALKER.

" 28. Received May 23d, 1874, from S. W. Vance, twenty and $\frac{34}{100}$ dollars for cotton on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) ROYAL his + mark. GILMER.

217 BUCK HALL, *April 25th*, 1871.
29. Received, from S. W. Vance, amounts annexed to our names, for clearing land on west side of Red River this day.

Randall Brown, his x mark.....	1 00
Jerry Barnett, his x mark.....	1 00
Edmond Staples, his x mark	1 00

Rosin Lumpkins, his x mark	1 00
Ch's Lumpkins, his x mark	1 00
Dick Gates, his x mark	1 00
Sol. Willis, his x mark	1 00
Jeff Parker, his x mark	1 00
Russel Pruner, his x mark	1 00
Hardeman Brown, his x mark	1 00
July Latson, his x mark	1 00
Gam Goodlett, his x mark	1 00
Royal Gilmer, his x mark	1 00
Sandy Gilmer, his x mark	1 00
Robt. Brooks, his x mark	1 00
Anderson Welt, his x mark	1 00

Sixteen dollars in cash received.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

30. Received from S. W. Vance twenty dollars & $\frac{75}{100}$, it being for brick work at Buck Hall plantation this August, 1874.

(Signed) THOS. B. WALKER.

31. SHREVEPORT, LA., *January 12th*, 1874.

Dr. Vance, Buck Hall, bought of Horan & Looney:

¼ doz. blind bridles, 13.00	6 75
1 " hame strings	1 00
	$7 75

Paid January 17th, 1874.

(Signed) HORAN & LOONEY.
Per C. A. NOLAN.

32 BUCK HALL, *Decem. 19th*, 1874.

In % with Washington Dudley, (F. M. C.)

To 95 panels fence	28 50
" 29 " "	17 40
" 75 " plank fence	18 75
" 30 " " "	9 00
" 245 " " levee near Cash Point	74 27

Rece'd payment in full of above.

(S'g'd) WASH. his + mark. DUDLEY.

218 V. 33. $1.30.] BUCK HALL, *Decem. 19th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance one and $\frac{25}{100}$ doll's for hauling bagging & ties, &c., for Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) WM. his + mark. WELT.

" 34. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Nov. 26th*, 1874.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Ed. McKeller:

6 sides D. S. C. R. bacon, 157 lbs. @ 13c..... 21 19

Paid.

(Signed) H. T. BRILEY.

" 35. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Nov. 13th*, 1874.

Mr. S. W. Vance bought of G. W. Byrne:

400 y'ds bagging @ 16c..... 64 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) G. W. BYRNE.
Per BLEIRD.

" 36. BUCK HALL, *Nov. 14th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance, for corn furnished Buck Hall plantation Sept. 4th, 1874, 16½ bush'ls corn @ 1.00 p'r bushel.

(Signed) BEN. his + mark. WILLIAMS.

" 37. SHREVEPORT, LA., *March 6th*, 1875.

To. GEO. A. PIKE:

Pay to exch. on New York or bearer, in cur'cy, one hundred & eighty-six and $\frac{79}{100}$ dollars.

$186.79.] (Signed) S. W. VANCE.

" 38. *Dr. S. W. Vance, to Est. A. L. Chapman.*

1874.

Oct. 8th. 6 pieces lumber 4 x 7 x 28, 767 feet..... 11 50
" " Rough edge, 900 " 6 75
Sept. 17 1,200 feet lumber for Buck Hall..... 18 00

$36 25

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Executor Estate of A. L. Chapman, deceased.

219 39. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Oct. 1st*, 1874.

Pay to the order of Cooper & Grimes, 1st day of January next, 1876, six hundred dolls. in U. S. currency, value received, and charge to account of—

S. W. VANCE.

HAMILTON & CO., *Shreveport, La.*

40. BUCK HALL, *Nov. 14th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance, for corn furnished Buck Hall plantation, Sept. 10th, 1874, 16¼ bush'ls @ 1.00 p'r bushel..... $16 25

(Signed) WM. his + mark. ROSE.

41. *Miss Sallie E. Vance in % with S. W. Vance, tutor.*

Return from Nazareth home	70 00
" " home to Nazareth school	62 00
	$132 00

This bill is settled when the sixth & seventh annual %s are homologated and made the judgment of the court.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

42. BUCK HALL, *March 8th*, 1875.

Buck Hall Plant. to Frank Ward & Isam Goodlett, Dr.

Building house for Bob Harris	40 00
" shed room, & covering Anderson J. Welt's house	20 00
" covering crib, $20; 12 M. boards, $60.00	80 00
" 375 pannels fence; 93.75, 9 days' work 2.50, 22.50	116 25
" 1 coffin	12 00
" 13 gates	16 00
" 9 days' work @ 2.50	22 50
	$306 75

Paid in settlement March 9th, 1875.

(Signed) ISAM his + mark. GOODLETT.

" FRANK his + mark. WARD.

Attest:
ZIEGLER.

220 BUCK HALL, *Apr. 25th*, 1875.

43. *Buck Hall Plantation to Jeff Parker, Dr.*

April 5th. To going with wagon, ¾ day
" 17. " " " " ½ " } 1 85

Received payment.

(Signed) JEFF his + mark. PARKER.

44. BUCK HALL, *June 5th*, 1875.

Buck Hall Plant. in % with Dick Gates.

May 4th. To 1½ days planting cotton 2 25

Rec'ed payment in full.

(Signed) RICHARD his + mark. GATES.

45. BUCK HALL, PL'T., *Ap'r 28th*, 1875.

Buck Hall Plant. in % with Miles Gilmer.

To hauling cotton..... 4 50
Rec'ed payment in full.

(Signed) MILES his + mark. GILMER.

46. BUCK HALL, *Ap'r 9th*, 1875.

Buck Hall Plant. in % with Royal Gilmer.

To hauling 2 days		1 50
" bringing mules home		1 00
" planting millet seed		75
" 3 days' surveying		4 00
		$7 25

Rec'ed payment in full.

(Signed) ROYAL his + mark. GILMER.

47. *Dr. S. W. Vance in % with Stacy & Poland.*

For Buck Hall Plantation, for 1874:

1874.		
Dec'm. 16th, 250 y'ds bagging, @ 16½c		$41 25
" " 480 lbs. ties, @ 8½		40 80
Amount carried forward		$82 05
221 Amount brought forward		82 05
1874.		
Dec. 16th. To 3 lb tobacco, @ 6s		2 25
Jan. 12. " 200 y'ds bagging, @ 16c		32 00
" " " 240 lb ties, @ 8½		20 00
" 16. " 2 kegs lard, @ 11c		19 98
" " " 12 hams, 126, @ 18c		22 28
" 27. " 100 y'ds bagging, @ 16c		16 00
Feb. 4. " 1 bbl. choice flour		9 00
" " " 12 hams, 157, @ 18c		28 26
" 10. " 90 y'ds bagging, @ 16c		14 40
" " " 120 lb ties, @ 8½c		10 20
" " " 1 plow		6 50
Interest for margin		3 11
Balance due Stacy & Poland		$266 03

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) STACY & POLAND.

V. 48. BUCK HALL, *May 8th*, 1875.

Buck Hall plant. to Gabe Gilmer, Dr.

To plainting cotton, ½ day..... 1 25
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) GABE his + mark. GILMER.

" 49. *S. W. Vance, for daughter Sallie, in % with Nazareth Institute, Bardstown, Ky.*

1874.
Oct. 27. To shoulder braces, 35; sodality money, 1.00; scissors, 25..... 1 60
Dec. 9. " stamps, 24; sheet music, 12.65; mending materials, 25..... 13 40
" 23. " confectionaries for Christmas, $5.00; Jan. 7th. Shoes, 2.80..... 7 80
1875.
Feb. 1. " session board & tuition, $88; stationery, $8; bed, 6.00..... 102 00
" " " Dr.'s fee, $5; washing, $5; piano, $20; French, $10; guitar, $12..... 52 00
" " " dancing, $10; tooth brush, 25..... 10 25

$186 79

CREDITS.

By cash in full of %..... 186 79

$186 79 $186 79

(Signed) Sister FRANCIS HAVIER,
Treasurer Nazareth.

222 BUCK HALL, *May 22d*, 1875.

Buck Hall plantation to Gabe Gilmer, Dr.

May 14. To one day' work, planting cotton..... 1 50
" 12. " ½ " " " " 50

$2 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) GABE his + mark. GILMER.

Buck Hall plant. to Solon Willis, Dr.

May 14. To 1½ days' planting cotton..... 2 50
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) SOL. his + mark. WILLIS.

Buck Hall plant. to Miles Gilmer, Dr.

May 14th.	To 1½ days' work planting cotton	2 25
" 10.	" " " " wood	75
		$3 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) his MILES + GILMER. mark.

Buck Hall plant. to Royal Gilmer.

May 14th.	To ¾ day's planting cotton	$1 13

Rece'd payment.

his ROYAL + GILMER. mark.

Buck Hall plantation to Randal Brown, Dr.

May 14th.	To 1¼ days' planting cotton	1 75
" " ½ "	" "	50
		2 25

Received payment.

(Signed) his RANDAL + BROWN. mark.

51. $32.83.] BUCK HALL PLANT., *Feb. 24th*, 1875.

Received from S. W. Vance thirty-two & $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars, as balance due on cotton, Buck Hall, year 1874.

(Signed) his RUSSEL + PRUNER. mark.

52. *Dr. S. W. Vance in % with Stacy & Poland.*

1875.

Feb. 26.	To 2 bbls.	lime	5 00
" " " 2	"	cement	7 00
" " " 1	"	lime	2 50
" " " 1	"	cement	3 50
		Interest for margin	10
			$18 10

Shreveport, La., March 6th, 1875.

Received payment.

(Signed) STACY & POLAND.

223 V. 53. March 8th, 1875. Received from S. W. Vance, on % Buck Hall, for Tim Rose, driving gin, $10.00.

his (Signed) FRANK + WARD. mark.

Buck Hall to Jeff. Parker, Dr.

V. 54. Feb. 20th, 1875.
" 15. To driving cows from over river 50
" 16. " 2 collars..... 1 00

1 50

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) his JEFF. + PARKER. mark.

Buck Hall to Hardeman Brown, Dr.

" 55. May 21, 1875.
" 7. To ½ day's work, planting cotton..... 50
Apr. 27. " 1½ " " wood 1 87½

2 37½

Received payment.

his HARDEMAN + BROWN. mark.

Buck Hall to Gabe Gilmer, Dr.

" 56. April 29, '75.
" 7. To plowing in millet 2 000
" 8. " " " " 2 00
" 12. " planting oats..... 50

$4 50

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) his GABE + GILMER. mark.

Buck Hall plantation to Jerry Barnett, Dr.

" 57. May 19, 1875.
" 14. 1½ days' work, cotton..... 2 25
" 5. ¼ " " " 37

$2 62

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) his JERRY + BARNETT. mark.

Buck Hall plant. to Frank Williams, Dr.

" 58. May 22, '75.
" 14. To 1 day's work, cotton 1 50
Received payment.

(Signed) his FRANK + WILLIAMS. mark.

" 59. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Feb. 19th*, 1875.

Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, bought of Hamilton Co.:

1 bbl. potatoes	4 00
1 half cask shoulders, 592, @ 9¾	57 72
1 p'r trace chain	75
1 hammer	60
	61 20
	$724 27

Paid.

(Signed) HAMILTON & CO.
STRINGFELLOW.

224 V. 60. SHREVEPORT, LA., *March 1st*, 1875.

Buck Hall plant., bought of Horan & Looney:

Feb.	2d.	To ½ doz. blind bridles	6 75
July	6.	" 1 bell collar	50
Oct.	10.	" 8 feet 3-in. lea. belting	2 72
Jan.	20.	" 1 coil rope, 47 ℔, @ 26c	12 22
			$22 19

Paid.

(Signed) HORAN & LOONEY,
P'r M.

V. 61. BUCK HALL, *Feb. 5th*, 1875.

S. W. Vance to Royal Gilmer, Dr.

To 2 collars	1 00
" ½ day's work in garden	50
	$1 50

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) ROYAL his + mark. GILMER.

Buck Hall plant. to Jeff. Parker, Dr.

" 62. May 9th, 1875.

"	"	½ day's work 1 00

Received payment.

(Signed) JEFF. his + mark. PARKER.

Buck Hall pl't. to Plea Lumpkin.

" 63. May 4, '75.

" " To driving gin, five months, @ 7.50 ..... 37 50

Received payment in full.

(Sig'd) FANNIE his + mark. LUMPKIN.

Attest:

(Signed) JOHN GAYLE.

BUCK HALL, *June 19th*, 1875.

" 64. Received of S. W. Vance the sum of $3.00, for working for Anderson West 3 days, & plantation 1 day, at 75c. p'r day.

(Signed) PAUL his + mark. ADAMS.

" 65. BUCK HALL, 1875.

Mrs. S. W. Vance, bought of Hughes, Carrin & Ogden:

1875.				
Feb. 25.	To 33 pieces,	1 x 12 x 16 feet long,	328, @ 15 p'r M..	7 92
" "	" 33 "	1 x 16 x 16 "	264, @ $15 p'r M..	3 96
May 8.	" 1 load of plank, 374 feet			5 61
" 25.	" 250 feet rough edge			1 88
" "	" 991 "	lumber, $15 p'r M		14 86
				34 23

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) CARRIN, HUGHES & OGDEN,
By THOMAS.

325 V. 67. JUNE 23D, '75.

Buck Hall plant. to Paul Adams, Dr.

June 21st.	1 one day's work	75
" 22d.	½ day's "	37
		$1 12

Received payment.

(S'g'd) PAUL his + mark. ADAMS.

V. 68. SHADY GROVE, LA., 13*th April*, 1875.

Buck Hall plantation bought of Vance & Zeigler:

Apr.	23d.	2 padlocks for Chapman	1 00
"	25.	1½ gal's whiskey, order, 2½	3 75
June	21.	½ doz. axle grease, 2½	1 25
Aug.	3.	2 padlocks	1 00
"	29.	1 bar soap for Fleming	15

Sep.	11.	½ gall. whiskey, order	1 25
"	25.	Merdze., order Jeff. P	75
Oct.	8.	" " Sandy Gilmer, part order, 7.75	6 80
"	28.	" balance Gilmer's order	95
"	17.	" Jeff. P	2 50
Nov.	21.	" cash paid Wm. Rose, 30.00; mdze., 2.50	32 50
Dec.	19.	" 1 gal. whiskey, John Gayle	2 00
"	25.	" 1 " " order	3 00
"	26.	Cash order, Miles G	2 25
1875.			
Jan.	9.	1 box axle grease, 25; Feb. 9th, cash order, Ross, 6.00	6 25
"	13.	1 bot. whiskey, 75; 1 p'r shoes, order, 2.00	2 75
"	18.	1 " " 75; 2 plugs tobacco, 70	1 45
"	20.	1 gal. whiskey, order Jno. G	3 00
"	23.	" curry combs	50
"	27.	" bot. whiskey	1 00
"	"	Merdze. Russ. Pruner	2 85
"	"	Cash paid, order Royal Gilmer	15 00
Mch.	2.	1 bot. whiskey, Jno. G	75
"	17.	Merdze., order Tom Rose for driving gin	28 55
		Amount carried forward	

226 *Vance & Zeigler's %*—Continued.

1875.			
March	17.	To 1 bot. whiskey, order	50
Apr.	1.	" 1 " Archie B., order	60
"	2.	" 1 " Dick G	35
"	17.	" 1 gall., order	2 00
"	26.	" 1 bottle, Jno. G	75
"	"	" ½ gall., S. W. V	1 25
			$125 70
Jan. 23d.			
By ⅓ b. c., by order of John Gayle			17 95
Balance due June 1st, 1875			$107 75

This is settled when account is filed and homologated.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

" 69. $250.00.] BUCK HALL, *March 5th*, 1875.

Received from S. W. Vance two hundred and fifty dollars for feeding and attending to mules the year' 1873 and 1874 on the Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) his GABE + GILMER. mark.

" 70. $43.71.] Received from S. W. Vance forty-three & $\frac{71}{100}$ dollars for cutting bushes, clearing land, on Buck Hall plantation July 17th, 1875.

(Signed) JOE his + mark. RICE.

" GEO. his + mark. WASHINGTON.

" KELLIS his + mark. PETERSON.

(Signed) WILY his + mark. GILMER.

" WM. his + mark. TAYLOR.

" 71. Received from S. W. Vance four and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars for work done on Buck Hall plantation Aug. 23d, 1875.

(Signed) JERRY his + mark. BARNETT.

" 72. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. Montgomery, Dr.*

To repairing gin, &c..... 40 00

Oct. 8th, 1875.

(Signed) H. MONTGOMERY.

227 V. 73. BUCK HALL, *Oct. 10th*, 1875.

Dr. S. W. Vance to Burrel Holmes, Dr.

To balance on cotton..... $21 00

Received payment in full of account Oct. 13, '75.

(Signed) BURREL his + mark. HOLMES.

Attest:
JOHN GAYLES.

V. 74. STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

State & parish taxes for 1874.

NOVEM. 2D, 1875.

Received from S. W. Vance two thousand & sixty-three & $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars, amount of State & parish taxes for the year 1874 on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof in accordance with law.

$263.33.

(Signed) PERCY BAKER,
Tax Collector for Bossier.

" 75. BUCK HALL, *Oct. 30th*, 1875.

Dick Gates to Ed Hall, Dr.

Oct. 28-'9, 575 lbs. cotton..... 5 75
Received payment full.

(Signed) his ED. + HALL. mark.

" 76. *S. W. Vance, Buck Hall plan., to Carrier, Hughes & Ogden.*

Aug. 16th.	To	91	pieces 1x8x20, 1,013.....	15 20
" 17	"	165	" 1x8x20, 2,180.....	32 70
" "	"	12	" 4x4x16, 192.....	2 88
" 28	"	700	feet rough edge.....	5 24
				$56 03

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) LEE CARRIER,
Per M. KAY.

" 77. STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Caddo:

State taxes for 1874.

SHREVEPORT, *Oct. 26th*, 1875.

Received of Miss S. E. Vance fourteen & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, amount of State taxes for the year 1874 on the property, etc., described on the reverse hereof in accordance with law.
$14.50.
(Signed) J. A. HAMILTON,
Tax Collector Caddo P'h.
Per W., *Dep.*

228 78. *Mr. S. W. Vance, for daughter Sallie, in % with Nazareth Inst'te, Bardstown, Ky.*

1875.			
July	1.	Board during vacation.....	27 00
Sep.	6.	Session board & tuition, $88; stationery $8; bed, $6.....	102 00
"	"	Dr. fees, 5.00; washing, 5.00; piano, $20; French, $10,00.....	40 00
"	"	Library, 1.00; dancing, $10.00.....	11 00
Oct.	"	Amount from pocket money %.....	62 75
			$242 75

CREDITS.

Oct. 30th. By cash..... 242 75

242 75 242 75

(Signed) Sister CLEOPHAS,
Treasurer of Nazareth.

V. 79. JULY 9TH, 1875.

Buck Hall plantation in % with Andrew Martin.

June 18. 1 day's work, 75; 19th, 1 day's work, 75..... 1 50
" 20. 1 " " 75; 21 ½ " 37; 23d, 1 day, 75. 1 87
" 24. 1 " " 75; 25, 1 " 75..... 1 50
July 8. 1 " 75; 9th, 1 day's work, 1.00..... 1 75

$6 62

Received payment in full of above % by order on Vance & Zeigler.

(Signed) ANDY his + mark. MARTIN.

" 80. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Oct. 31st*, 1875.

Mr. S. W. Vance bought of D. B. Martin:
Oct. 27th. 2 sacks oats @ $3.35..... 7 85

Paid.

(Signed) D. B. MARTIN,
P'r W. J. BRUNER.

" 81. *Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall plantation, in % with Geo. W. Sentell Co.*

1874.
Aug. 12. To merch'ze, invoice rendered this date..... $260 39
Oct. 21. " cash paid, up freight p'r Bastrop..... 13 50
1875.
Feb. 13. " merch'ze, invoice rendered this date..... 763 93
M'ch 5. " cash paid, up freight p'r Bryarly..... 89 30

Amount carried forward..... $1,127 12

229 Amount brought forward..... 1,127 12
1875.
Apr. 2d. Merch'ze, invoice rendered this date..... 324 06
" 10. " " " " 526 14
May 4. Cash paid up, freight p'r Texas..... 45 00
" 8. " " " " Louise 35 60
June 12. Mer'd'ze, invoice rendered this date..... 159 86
" 30. Cash paid, up freight p'r Durfee..... 15 05

$198 45

Aug.	8.	Commission on above cash advances, 2½ %.....	4 96
		Interest on above, @ 8 % p'r annum	91 76
			$2,329 55

NEW ORLEANS, *Aug. 28th*, 1875.

(Endorsed:) Filed Jan. 13th, 1876, (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y clerk.

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence, and marked H, Oct. 22d, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

8 ANNUAL %, VOUCHERS, &C.

S. E. Vance, minor, in % with S. W. Vance, nat'l tutor.

To balance due tutor from annual % of 1875, it being 7th annual %, vouchers 1 to 87, inclusive..... $5,331 86

CREDIT.

By net proceeds of 147 b. c., crop of 1875 ..... $6,685 82

Balance to credit of S. E. Vance..... ..... $1,353 96

DR.

V.	1.	To amount paid	Nazareth school.....	281 42
	2.	" " "	Jeff. Parker.....	3 00
	3.	" " "	Dick Henderson	2 00
	4.	" " "	Thornton Lumpkin.....	1 25
	5.	" " "	Miss Mary Files.....	7 00
	6.	" " "	Allen Sames.....	5 00
	7.	" " "	Miss Lizzie Shuttleworth.....	22 80
230	8.	To amount paid	Miss Lizzie Shuttleworth	33 95
	9.	" " "	Thornton Lumpkins.....	36 00
	10.	" " "	Robertson Smith.....	3 00
	11.	" " "	Fed. Warner.....	30 00
	12.	" " "	Jonas Johns	1 88
	13.	" " "	Handy Smith.....	3 75
	14.	" " "	Abram Tims.....	4 00
	15.	" " "	Henry Butler.....	5 30
	16.	" " "	" "	4 00
	17.	" " "	James Davis	4 00
	18.	" " "	John Robertson	2 75
	19.	" " "	Nazareth School	53 00
	20.	" " "	Peach Willis.....	1 25
	21.	" " "	taxes, 1874.....	8 50
	22.	" " "	Abe Tims	4 00
	23.	" " "	Miles Gilmer	2 25
	24.	" " "	cotton pickers, 1875.....	58 38
	25.	" " "	Mary A. Files	21 00
	26.	" " "	plantation, &c., extra	18 10
	27.	" " "	Cumming & Morrison	17 50
	28.	" " "		

	29.	"	"	" woodshop, &c	25 70
	30.	"	"	" York Jackson	36 00
	31.	"	"	" " "	18 50
	32.	"	"	" Royal Gilmer	2 00
	33.	"	"	" Gabe Gilmer	1 75
	34.	"	"	" Horan & Luney	3 00
	35.	"	"	" Royal Gilmer	5 25
	36.	"	"	" Jeff. Parker	4 00
	37.	"	"	" Peach Willis	1 25
	38.	"	"	" Stancy & Poland	361 92
	39.	"	"	" Charly Simms	2 50
	40.	"	"	" Willis Jones	1 00
231	41.	To amount paid express company			6 75
	42.	"	"	" T. W. Woodruff	2 25
	43.	"	"	" Jas. Young	1 25
	44.	"	"	" Jim Smith	12 50
	45.	"	"	" W. H. Scanland	4 00
	46.	"	"	" Vance & Ziegler, store %	1,162 79
	47.	"	"	" Jeff Parker	4 50
	48.	"	"	" R. Kahn & Co	29 96
	49.	"	"	" Sandy Gilmer	5 50
	50.	"	"	" Ben. Lauson	28 50
	51.	"	"	" Thornton Lumpkins	9 00
	52.	"	"	" Robertson Smith	7 50
	53.	"	"	" Peach Willis	7 00
	54.	"	"	" P. Baker, tax collector	362 65
	55.	"	"	" Fed. Walker	22 00
	56.	"	"	" Isam Goodlet & Frank Ward	10 00
	57.	"	"	" " "	210 00
	58.	"	"	" Robertson Smith	10 00
	59.	"	"	" " "	5 65
	60.	"	"	" T. H. Harris	1 00
	61.	"	"	" J. J. Horan	6 00
	62.	"	"	" Hardeman Brown	3 75
	63.	"	"	" Channer Heaze	2 00
	64.	"	"	" Robertson Smith	5 15
	65.	"	"	" " "	12 37
	66.	"	"	" Peach Willis	6 30
	67.	"	"	" Thos. B. Walker	25 00
	68.	"	"	" Jeff Parker	5 50
	69.	"	"	" Jerry & Louisa Barnett	20 52
	70.	"	"	" Russel Pruner	3 65
	71.	"	"	" Miss L. Shuttleworth	40 75
	72.	"	"	" Jeff Parker	3 91
	73.	"	"	" Peach Willis	1 25
232	74.	Amount paid to		Miles Gilmer	14 90
	75.	"		" Henry Clay	3 80
	76.	"		" R. Kahn & Co	100 73
	77.	"		" picking cotton	11 60
	78.	"		" J. B. Smith	14 00
	79.	"		" Jake Taylor	3 30

80.	"	"	Nazareth school	229 90
81.	"	"	Fed Warner, ginning	202 75
82.	"	"	cleaning fence row	10 00
83.	"	"	Dick Campbell	7 93
84.	"	"	Frank Ward	25 00
85.	"	"	Horan & Looney	17 98
86.	"	"	Burrel Holmes	11 10
87.	"	"	Horan & Looney	8 00
88.	"	"	Conway & Bukelew	66 48
89.	"	"	Edward Turner	1 85
90.	"	"	Robertson Smith	6 00
91.	"	"	Wilson Clay	2 25
92.	"	"	Benton Burton	25 40
93.	"	"	blacksmith % 1875	158 00
				4,080 48
			Credits brought down	1,393 96
			Net proceeds 52 b. c	2,087 94
			Balance due tutor	638 58

VOUCHERS.

V. 1. *Mr. S. W. Vance for daughter Sallie, to Nazareth Institution, Bardstown, Ky., Dr.*

1875.			
Apr. 11.	To cash, 8.80; 4 prs. hoes, 2.00		10 20
Feb. 14.	Sheet music, 5.25; express package, 25; hair pins, 20..		5 70
" "	14½ yds. calico, 4.35; 1½ yd. flannel, 95; belt, 40c.; pens, 40		6 10
" "	Tooth brushes, 25; leaf varnish, 25; medicine, 5.25..		5 75
May 1.	Lustre, 76; silk floss, 50; trimming, 50; sewing, 2.00		3 76
233	*Voucher one*—Continued.		
1876.			
May 31.	To board, &c. for 1 mos. St. Mary & E. Hospital		53 01
June 5.	" diploma, $5; festival costume, $1; lace h'k'f, 1.00..		7 00
" "	" 2 fans, 2.10; sash, 7.00; corset, 3.50; veil, 15; gloves, 1.25		15 00
" "	" cuffs & collars, 1.10; neckties, 30c.; linen suit, $14..		15 40
" "	" 2 silk suits, 90.60; hats, 1.75; kid shoes, $4		96 35
" "	" stamps, 90; tooth brush, 25; 6½ yds. swiss, 6.25...		7 40
" 15.	" 7½ yds. swiss, 1.72; 31 yds. cotton, 4.77; trimming, $1		7 49
" "	" 2 corset covers, 5.95; 2¾ yds. linen, 15.11		21 06
" 20.	" 31¾ yds. edging, 17.95; insertion, 2.80		20 75
" "	" sewing, 20c; liquors & medicine, $14		34 00
" "	" 1 pr. shoes, $2.25		2 25
			$311 82

CREDITS.

1876.

Apr. 11. By cash..... 5 00
" " " deduction for 1 mo.'s board & t 25 40
" " " amount to balance %..... 281 42

$311 82 $311 82

(Signed) Sister CLEOPHAS,
Treasurer Nazareth.

2. June 13, '76.

Buck Hall plantation to Jeff Parker, Dr.

" " To two (2) days in oats, 1.50..... $3 00

Rece'd payment in full of above account.

(Signed) JEFF. his + mark. PARKER.

Attest:
JNO, GAYLE.

3. June 14, '76.

Buck Hall plantation to Dick Henderson, Dr.

" " Two (2) days' work on bayou land..... $2 00

Received payment in full of above account.

(Signed) DICK his + mark. HENDERSON.

Attest:
JNO. GAYLE.

4. Aug. 17.

Buck Hall plant. to Thornton Lumpkins.

" " One day's work in new ground..... 1 25

Paid in full.

(Sig'd) THORNTON his + mark. LUMPKINS.

Attest:
(Sig'd) GAYLE.

234 V. 5. Miss Vance bought of M. A. Files:
July 1st. One dress hat..... 7 00

Paid.
(S'g'd) MARY A. FILES.

V. 6. Oct. 6, '76.

Buck Hall plant. to Allen Sanns, Dr.

To ginning 5 days 5 00

Received pay in full.

(Signed) ALLEN his + mark. SARNS.

Attest:
JOHN GAYLE.

" 7. *Miss Sallie Vance to Lizzie Shuttleworth, Dr.*

To account of	Goodwill's bill	8	38
" "	Love & Co	3	92
" "	making dress & jacket	4	50
" "	" alpaca dress	5	50
" "	" stage charges		50
		$22	80

Paid.

(Signed) LIZZIE SHUTTLEWORTH.
Pr. JOHN.

" 8. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Decem. 12th*, 1876.

Miss Sallie Vance to Mrs. Lizzie Shuttleworth, Dr.

To amount of bill purchased at E. & B. Jacobs..... $33 95

Paid.

(Signed) H. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,
Pr. JOHN.

" 9. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Thornton Lumpkins, Dr.*

To balance on cotton..... 36 00

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) THORNTON his + mark. LUMPKINS.

" 10. Decem. 24, '75.

Buck Hall plant. to Robert Smith, Dr.

To two days' work with Mr. Walker..... $3 00

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) REUBEN his + mark. SMITH.

11. Dec. 18, '75. Buck plant. will please pay Fed. Warner the sum of thirty dollars for value received.

(Signed) JOHN GAYLE.

Rece'd payment in full of this account.

(Signed) FED his + mark. WARNER.

DECEM. 24th, 1875.

" 12. Decem. 24th, 1875.

S. W. Vance to Jonas Johns, Dr.

To 188 ℔s. cotton picked for Wm. Rose & Perry Williams.. $1 88
Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) JONAS his + mark. JOHNS.

235 V. 13. BUCK HALL, *Nov. 5th*, 1876.

Thornton Lumpkins to Henry Smith, Dr.

To 501 ℔ cotton @ 75c..... 3 75
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) HENRY his + mark. SMITH.

V. 14. BUCK HALL, *Novem.*, 1876.

B. M. plant. to Abrah'm Tims, Dr.

To 4 days' work with wagon..... 4 00
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) ABRAH'M his + mark. TIMS.

" 15. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Nov. 12th*, 1874.

Ben. Williams in % with Henry Butler, Dr.

Nov. 13th. To 397 ℔ cotton picked..... $3 00
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) HENRY his + mark. BUTLER.

Ben. Williams to Ross Riggins, Dr.

To 230 ℔ cotton picked..... 2 30
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) ROSS his + mark. RIGGINS.

" 16. BUCK HALL, *Nov. 30th*, 1874.

Received from S. W. Vance four dollars for four hundred pounds of cotton picked for Ben. Williams.

(Signed) HENRY his + mark. BUTLER.

" 17. BUCK HALL, *Nov. 5th*, 1876.

Thornton Lumpkins to James Davis, Dr.

To 548 ℔ cotton @ 75c..... $4 10
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) JAMES his + mark. DAVIS.

" 18. BUCK HALL, *Nov. 5th*, 1876.

Buck Hall plant. to John Robertson.

" " To 365 lb cotton @ 75c..... $2 75
Received payment.

(Signed) JOHN his + mark. ROBERTSON.

" 19. LOUISVILLE, *May 31st*, 1876.

Miss Sallie Vance to St. Mary & E. Hospital, Dr.

To four weeks board, 20.00; hack hire, 6.50; car fare 3.00..... 29 50
" claret, 8.50; fruit, 2.65; medecine, 4.30; hair, 7.50; stamps, 56..... 23 51

$53 01

(Signed) Sister FRANCIS HAVIER.

236 V. 20. BUCK HALL, *Aug. 5th*, 1876.

Buck Hall plant. to Peach Willis, Dr.

To one day's work hauling fodder..... 1 25
Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) PEACH his + mark. WILLIS.

Attest:
(Signed) JOHN GAYLE.

V. 21. STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Caddo:

Parish taxes 1874, *Decem. 18th*, 1875.

Received of Miss S. E. Vance eight & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, amount of parish taxes for the year 1874, on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof in accordance with law.

(Signed) S. A. HAMILTON,
$8.50. *Tax Collector Caddo Parish, La.*

" 22. Nov. 25, 76. *B. H. plant. to Abe Tims, Dr.*

To 4 days' wagoning..... $4 00
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) ABE his + mark. TIMS.

" 23. BUCK HALL, *Decem. 26th*, 1874.

Rece'd of S. W. Vance for Wm. Rose & Benjamin Williams, the sum of $2.25 for cotton picked.

(Signed) MILES his + mark. GILMER.

" 24. COTTON PICKED FOR DICK GATES.

George Johnson..... 1 75
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) his GEO. + JOHNSON. mark.

Hettie Branch..... 1 90
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) her HETTIE + BRANCH. mark.

Edward Abrams..... 2 85
Received payment.

(Signed) his ED. + ABRAMS. mark.

Thornton Lumpkins, George Johnson,..... 9 87
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) his GEO. + JOHNSON. mark.

RAILS FOR BUCK HALL.

Robert Smith..... 8 45
Rece'd payment.

(Signed) his ROB'T + SMITH. mark.

Aaron Watson..... 13 36
Received payment.

(Signed) his AARON + WATSON. mark.

237 Rob't Conway..... 5 30
Ike Hunter..... 3 00

8 30

Rec'd pay.

(Signed) his ROB'T + CONWAY. mark.

COTTON PICKED FOR ROY GILMER.

George Ware..... 5 90
Rec'd pay.

(Signed) his GEORGE + WARE. mark.

Paid Fed. Warner 5 00
" Dave Ware..... 1 00

$58 38

25. *Miss Vance to Mary A. Files.*

Aug.	18th.	1 set of pillow shams	1 50
"	"	3 p'rs corset strings, 75; 1 jet pin, 25	1 00
"	"	1 doz. center braid, 5c.; 1 hat, 5.00	5 50
Oct.	13.	Trimming straw hat	4 25
"	"	1 riding hat	5 00
"	"	Ivory bracelets	2 00
"	"	" chain	1 25
"	"	" pin	50
			$21 00

Rec'd payment in full.
(Signed) MARY A. FILES.

26. BUCK HALL, *April 23d*, 1876.

Received payment in full for plowing up and planting land, & owned by Big Holes:

Gabe Gilmer, his x mark,	1½	days' work	1 50
Royal Gilmer, his x mark,	1½	" "	1 50
Miles Gilmer, his x mark,	1½	" "	1 50
Sandy Gilmer, his x mark,	1½	" "	1 50
Murry Gilmer, his x mark,	1½	" "	1 50
Jerry Barnett, his x mark,	1½	" "	1 50
Jeff. Parker, his x mark,	1½	" "	1 50
Steve Lanson, his x mark,	1½	" "	2 00
Henry Lanson, his x mark,	1½	" "	1 50
Ben. Lanson, his x mark,	1½	" "	1 50
238 Louis Pruner, his x mark,	1½	days' work	1 50
Chs. Lumpkins, his x mark,	½	" "	50
Rus. Pruner, his x mark,	½	" "	60
			$18 10

" 27. Rece'd, Shreveport, La., May 6th, 1876, of Dr. S. W. Vance, the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty cents ($17.50) of J. W. Smith, to pay for ten bushels of peas.
(Signed) CUMMINGS & MORRISON.
P'r DAWES.

" 28. May 18, '76.

Buck Hall plantation in % with the following hands for work done on Bayou Cret & plowing, &c.

Jerry x Barnett	2 25
Miles x Gilmer	1 00
Gabe x Gilmer	2 50
Jeff. x Parker	50
Royal x Gilmer	1 00
Henry x Lanson	50
Steve x Lanson	1 75

Sandy x Gilmer	1 00
Wm. x Welt	50
Peach x Willis	50
Sol. x Willis	7 50
Willis x Jones	1 50
	$20 50

We, the above hands, have received payment in full of this %.
Witness our marks, as shown above, across our respective names.
Attest:
JNO. GAYLE.

239 *Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall plant'n, to Wood Shop, Dr.*

1875.				
Jan.	22d.	To repairs on 1 plow		65
"	"	" 1 new single tree		25
Feb.	4.	" 1 d. tree, 50; roundle & handle, D. G., 80		1 30
M'ch	6.	" repairs on wagon, order S. W. V		2 00
"	"	" bushing 2 wheels, 1.00; repairs on plow, A. W., 90		1 90
"	12.	" 3 new stocks, 1.50		4 50
"	"	" 2 double trees		1 00
"	"	" 4 single "		1 00
"	17.	" 1 wagon tongue, Jerry B		2 50
"	27.	" repairs on harrow, C. L		1 15
"	"	" " " " Y. J		1 50
Apr.	3.	" 1 pr. handles, d. tree		50
"	"	" 1 " H. G		50
"	"	" 1 " & round, order J. G		65
"	10.	" 4 hoes, H. G. & J. B		1 00
"	"	" 1 block for plow		10
"	24.	" 1 pr. handle, Royts		50
May	1.	" new stock, order J. G		1 50
"	"	" 1 pr. handles & rounds, Y. J		65
"	19.	" 1 " " A. W		50
"	"	" 1 handle		25
"	29.	" repairs on plow, R. G		30
"	"	" 1 handle, O. M		25
"	"	" 1 pr. handles, J. B		50
"	"	" repairs on plow		75
				$25 70

This account is receipted when judgment of the court is rendered and homologation confirmed.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

240 *Buck Hall plantation to York Jackson, Dr.*

V. 30. June 12th, 1876.

To ginning crop, 1875.....$36 00

Rec'ed payment in full.

(Signed) YORK his + mark. JACKSON.

Received on the above %..... 5 00

Entered on Buck Hall books and charged to hands..... 31 00

(Signed) GAYLE.

" 31. BUCK HALL, *June 8th*, 1876.

Buck Hall plant. to York Jackson.

To ginning 18 00

Rec'ed payment.

(Signed) YORK his + mark. JACKSON.

Attest:

JOHN GAYLE.

" 32. July 1st, 1876.

Buck Hall plant. to Royal Gilmer, Dr.

To one day's work going to town..... 1 00
" " " " peas & corn..... 1 00

2 00

Rec'ed payment in full.

(Signed) ROYAL his + mark. GILMER.

" 33. July 20th, 1876.

Buck Hall plant. to Gabe Gilmer, Dr.

To 1¼ days in pea patch..... 1 25
" ½ " " with wood 50

$1 75

Rec'ed payment in full.

(Signed) GABE his + mark. GILMER.

Attest:

JOHN GAYLE.

" 34. SHREVEPORT, LA., *July 12th*, 1876.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Horan & Loony.

1 round bridle..... 3 00

Paid.

(Signed) HORAN & LOONY,
For MONCURE.

" 35. July 12, '76.

Buck Hall plant. to Royal Gilmer.

To 4½ days' work..... $5 25

Rec'ed payment in full.

(Signed) ROYAL his + mark GILMER.

241 V. 36. July 12th, 1876.

Burk Hall plant. to Jeff. Parker, Dr.

To 2 days' work..... 2 50

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) JEFF. his + mark PARKER.

To Jeff. Parker, 1½ days' work..... 1 50

4 00

Rec'd payment.

(Signed) JEFF. his + mark PARKER.

Attest:
JNO. GAYLE.

V. 37. July 1st, '76.

Buck Hall plant. to Peach Willis, Dr.

" " " " '76, to 1 day's work in oats..... 1 50

Rece'd payment in full.

(Sig'd) PEACH his + mark WILLIS.

" 38. *Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, to Stacy & Poland, Dr.*

1875.

M'ch	20th.	To 1 bbl. flour	9 00
"	"	" 2 kegs lard, 99lbs	16 83
April	3d.	" 20 sacks corn 42 bus'ls, 1.05	44 10
"	"	" 2 " 10¾ oats, 90c	9 68
May	9.	" 50 bush'ls corn @ 10s	62 50
"	"	" 1 sack salt	2 00

June	19. " 25 "	corn 80⅛ bus'ls 10*s*	100 16
July	8. " 12 "	" 26¾ " 10*s*	32 50
Aug.	13. " 1 salt		2 25
"	" " 100 bacon shoulders @ 13c		13 91
Nov.	" " 49 C. S. bacon 17c		8 33
"	2. " 2 bbls. meat 4.50		9 00
"	20. " 235 lbs. bacon sides, 15¾		37 02
Dec.	30. " interest upon margin		14 64
			$361 92

Rec'd payment June 15, '76, by note.
(Signed) STACY & POLAND.

" 39. July 12, '76.

Buck Hall plant. to Ch's Sinns, Dr.

To 2 days' work 2 50

Rec'd payment in full.
(Signed) CH'S SINNS.

Attest:
(Signed) JOHN GAYLE.

242 V. 40. July 12, '76.

Buck Hall plant. to Willis Jones, Dr.

To one day's work 1 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) WILLIS his + mark. JONES.

Attest:
J. GAYLE.

" 41. SHREVEPORT, *July 3d*, 1876.

Received of Dr. S. W. Vance six and 75/100 dollars, being amount paid express co. charges.
June 25th. (Signed) HAMILTON & CO.,
For STRINGFELLOW.

" 42. *Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor of minor S. E. Vance, to T. W. Woodruff Dr.*

To swearing members of family meeting	1 25
" process verbal	1 00
	2 25

Rece'd payment of S. W. Vance Aug. 25, '76.
(Signed) T. W. WOODRUFF,
Notary Public.

" 43. Sept. 3d, '76.

Buck Hall plant. to James Smith Dr.

Aug. 10. 1 day's work in new ground..... 1 25

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) JAMES his + mark SMITH.

Attest:
JOHN GAYLE.

" 44. BUCK HALL PLANTATION, *Sept. 9th*, 1876.

Received of S. W. Vance twelve & $\frac{50}{100}$ doll's for repairing running gear on Buck Hall plantation in Sept., 1876.

(Signed) JAMES YOUNG.

" 45. BELLEVUE, LA., *Aug.* 30, 1876.

Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor, &c., to W. H. Scanland Dr.

To publishing 6th & 7th annual accounts of Sallie E. Vance, 2 sqr's, 2 times..... 4 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) W. H. SCANLAND.

" 46. *Buck Hall plant. to Vance & Ziegler, Dr.*

1875.

To balance % rendered $107 75

Amount carried forward.

243 Amount brought forward..... 107 75

1875.

May 12th. To ½ gall. whiskey, 1.25; 1 bush'l salt, 90..... 2 15
" " " plow line, 25; 17th, 32½ lbs. nails, 3.25..... 3 50
" 20. " 34 lbs. nails, 3.40; 22d, mer'dse to Jerry B., 2.62 ..... 6 02
" 22. " mer'd'ze to Frank W., 1.50; 26th, 33 lbs. nails, 3.30..... 4 80
" 28. " 12 lbs. nails..... 1 20
June 2. " ½ qr. paper, 25; 5th, mer'd'ze Jeff. Parker, 1.00..... 1 25
" 5. " m'd'ze, 2.25; 8th, 20 lbs. nails, 2.00..... 4 25
" 23. " cash to Paul Adams, 85; m'd'ze do. 50
" 30. " axe helve..... 2 25
July 3d. " m'd'ze Andy Martin, 1.80; 6th, axe helve, 25 c.
" 8. " bucket, 50 c.; 9th, m'd'ze, Wm. Taylor, 35.... 85
" 10. " merch'd'ze, Andy Martin, 5.07; 16th, m'd'se, do., 3.75..... 8 82
" 17. " cash paid brush cutters, 3.20; 31st, m'd'ze, A. Martin, 4.12..... 7 32

Aug. 7.	" merch'ze, Joe Beams, 1.12; 14th, merch'se, do., 1.30		2 42
" 14.	" " Andy, 1.50; 9th, mer'd'ze to Andy, 3.00		4 50
" 24.	" " 2.00 " " " Joe B., 3.75		5 75
" 25.	" " Mundy, 75; 28th, mer'chze Andy M., 4.50		5 25
" 28.	" " Joe B., 3.62; 30th, 2 bot's whiskey, 1.50		5 12
Sept. 1.	" " order, 50c.; 2d, mer'd'se, Joe B., 35; 4th do., Joe. B., 65		1 50
" 8.	" wh'y, 35c.; box sardines, 35c.; order J. G.		70
" 11.	" merch'z Andy, 3.00; merch'ze to Joe, 1.00		4 00
" 16.	" 1 mem'n book, 35; 2 pencils, 20c		55
" 25.	" merch'ze Royal G., 3.00; mer'dze Anderson Wetz, 18.60		21 60
" "	" rope order, 60c.; 27th, ½ gall. wh'k'y Fed. W., 2.00		2 60
" "	" ½ lb. tobacco Fed. W., 63c., order		63
Oct. 1.	" 1 gal. whiskey, order J. G., 5.00; 4th, mer'dze Fed. W., 62		5 62
" 5.	" mer'd'ze H. Lauson, 11,00; whisky, Dick & George, 1.00		12 00
" 7.	" 1 lb. rope, 30c.; 8th, mer'd'ze ord. H. Lawson 4.40		4 70
" 8.	" cash paid Dick Johnson, corn		6 75
" 9.	" 1 bot. whiskey, Fed., 1,00; 2 ax helves & mer'd'ze, 65		1 65
			$207 93
244	Amount brought forward	207 93	
1875.			
Oct. 10th.	Mer'd'ze, H. Gilmer, 90c.; 12th, 1 gal. whiskey, J. G., 4.00		4 90
" 12.	" H. Lanson, 4.50; 13th, ½ gal. wh'y, 2.00; 1 lb. tobacco, 1.25		7 85
" 16.	1 sack salt, 2.75; tobacco Fed. Warner, 25c		3 00
" "	1 bot. whiskey Fed. W., 1.00; cash Fed. Warner, 5.00		6 00
" "	Mer'd'se Jeff. P., 2.00; 21st, m'd'ze Jeff. P., 3.00		5 00
" 22.	" F. Warner, 5.25; 23d " , F. Warner, 50		5 75
" 25.	" 1 gall. whiskey, Fed. W., 2.50; 25th, m'd'ze, G. Thomas, 4.25		6 75
" 27.	" Fed. Warner, 4.00; 9th, 1 lb. tobacco, order, 125		5 25
" 30.	" " "		60
Nov. 1.	" 6 spool thread, 60; 4th, cash p'd Ball, 2.50		3 10
" 5.	" 1 bot. whisky J. G., 1.00; 6th, ½ gal. whisky F. W., 2.00		3 00

"	6.	"	1 lb candles, 30; 1 bot. whiskey order, 1.00	1 30
"	8.	"	43 y'ds Osnaburg, 8.70; 2 spools cotton, 20	8 90
"	11.	"	1 gal. wh'ky Fed Warner	4 00
"	16.	"	28 lbs. bacon, 5.88; 28 lbs. do., 5.88, order J. G	11 76
"	17.	"	mer'dze Dave Williams, 9.50; 20th, 1 gal. whisky, 2.50; keg, 75	12 75
"	20.	"	" " " 1.50; m'd'ze J. B., order S. W. V	3 50
"	22.	"	1 bot. whiskey, Fed. W., 1.000; 24th, 2 lbs. rope, 1.00	2 00
"	26.	"	1 " " 60c.; 27th, 1 bot. wh'ky Joe. K., 60	1 20
"	29.	"	1 plug tobacco, Dave	35
Dec.	1.		Mer'd'ze Jeff. P., 2.00; 2d, 1 gall. whisky, Fed. W., 2.00	4 00
"	6.		1 gall. wh'ky, J. J., 3.00; 11th, m'd'ze, Peach Willis, 4.00	7 00
"	11.		20 lbs. nails, 2.00; 14th, mer'd'se Fed. W., 2.50	4 50
"	16th.		5 lbs. nails, 50c.; 1 bot. whiskey, 50c	1 00
"	18.		1 gal. whiskey, order, 4.00; 1 gall. whiskey Fed. Warner, 3.25	7 25
"	20.		1 " " Fed. W., 3.25; 21st, mer'dze to H. Lanson, 3.75	7 00
"	21st.		Mer'dse Wm. Rose, 4.50; merch'ze Dick Gates, $6.00	10 50
"	27.		1 gal. whiskey, 3.50; mer'd'ze for office, 2.00; m'd'ze J. Goodlett, 6.66	12 16
"	31.		Fed. W., % transferred, 10.43; ½ d'z candles, J. G., 30c	10 73
"	"		Geo. Johnson % " 95c., Dave William's % transferred, 65c	1 60
1876.				
Jan.	1st.		3½ lbs. rope for wagon, 163; cash order to G. Johnson, 3.00	4 63
			Amount carried forward	401 35
245			Amount brought forward	401 35
1876.				
Jan.	1st.		To cash to J. Clay, 3.80; m'd'ze to Hardeman, 3.75	7 55
"	"	"	m'd'ze, R. Smith, 3.88; 3d, mer'd'se, Fed. W., 5.00	8 88
"	4.	"	40 lbs. nails, 4.00; corn-sheller, 1.50	5 50
"	"	"	1 bot. whisky, R. Smith, 1.00; 1 gal. do., Fed. W., 3.00	4 00
"	"	"	cotton rope, 45; Jeff. Parker % transferred, 4.50	4 95
"	5.	"	1 gal. wh'ky order, 4.00; 6th, 1 bot. wh'ky order, 1.00	5 00

" 8.	"	11½ lbs nails, 1.15; mer'd'ze, Wm. Rose, 4.00..	5 15
" "	"	1 bot. wh'ky, Joe. K., 75.....	75
" 10.	"	60 y'ds bagging, 12.00; 1 bot. wh'ky, 1.00; R. Smith, 1 p't wh'ky, 60.....	13 60
" 11.	"	1 p't wh'ky, W. Jones, 60; m'd'ze, Robertson Smith, 4.30.....	4 90
" 12.	"	cash Jerry T., 1.50; cash, Joe Beams, 5.00.....	6 50
" "	"	mer'd'ze, Joe Beams, 7.90; m'd'ze, H. Lanson, 10.00.....	17 90
" "	"	1 gal. wh'ky, Fed. W., 4.00; 13th, 6 boxes axle grease, 1.50.....	5 50
" 14.	"	m'd'ze, Bob. Brooks, 8.75; mer'd'ze, Peach Willis, 1.20.....	9 95
" "	"	1 gall. w'ky, order J. G., 4.00; 15th, mer'd'ze, Sam Sauces, 14.15.....	18 15
" 15.	"	m'd'ze, Jeff. Parker, 3.00; cash, R. Smith, 5.15..	8 15
" 17.	"	½ gall. whiskey, order J. G., 2.00; cash Fed. Warner, 37.50.....	39 50
" "	"	m'd'ze, order J. G., 15; 19th, merch'd'ze, R. Smith, 1.00.....	1 15
" 21.	" "	" H. Brown, 2.50; m'd'ze, Jeff. P., 5.00; Ben. W., 4.00; R. Smith, 7.50.....	19 00
" 24.	"	1 bot. whiskey, R. Smith, 1.00; 29th, mer'd'ze, Peach Willis, 1.50.....	2 50
" "	"	m'd'ze, R. Smith, 2.00; Dick Gates, 1.50; ½ gal. w'ky, Bob. B., 1.50.....	5 00
Feb. 1.	"	m'd'ze, ord. S. W. V., 5.00; cash, order S. W. V., 3.50; m'd'ze, Sam. James, 2.50..	11 00
" 3.	" "	R. Smith, 1.50; 5 lbs. axle grease, D. G., 25; m'd'ze, R. Smith, 2.00.....	3 75
" 8.	"	80 b'ls corn, $80; mer'd'ze to hand, 75.....	80 75
" "	"	m'd'ze, Chs. Lumpkins, 2.75; 9th, padlock, 40..	3 15
" 9.	" "	Ben. W., 1.25; 12th, Files, 50.....	1 75
" 12.	" "	Sam. James, 1.00; merch'se, R. Smith, 1.35.....	2 35
" 15.	" "	Ben. W., 3.00; 16th, m'd'ze, R. Smith, 1.50.....	4 50
" 19.	" "	R. Smith, 1.50; 21st, m'd'ze, Dick Gates, 7.00.....	8 50
" 22.	" "	" 3.15; 15 bush'ls corn, 15.00..	18 15
		Amount carried forward.....	$599 56
246		Amount brought forward.....	599 56
1876.			
Feb. 23d.		M'd'ze, Ben. W., 3.00; 25th, m'd'ze, Peach W., 3.00.....	6 00
" 26th.		2 gall. w'ky, order J. G., 6.00; mer'd'ze, Jerry B., 2.75.....	8 75
" "		M'd'ze, Peach B., 2.00; " Dick H., 8.15...	10 15
" 28.		20 bus. corn, $20; mer'd'ze, July, 3.00.....	23 00
" 29.	6	" " $6.00; 20 do., $20; m'd'ze, Ben.	

		W., 1.00	27 00
M'ch	1.	20 b'ls corn, $20; m'd'ze, Jeff. Parker, 2.50	22 50
"	4.	M'd'ze, Ben. Wade, 2.00; 57 bus. corn, 57.00	59 00
"	"	" " " 5.00; 40 " " 40.00	45 00
"	6.	" Sandy G., 3.25; 7th, axle grease, 25	3 50
"	9.	" Dick Gates, 2.00; 13th, 1 gall. wh'ky, order J. G., 3.00	5 00
"	14.	" Jno. C., 1.10; m'd'ze July L., 2.00; m'd'ze Lee W., 1.50	4 60
"	"	" Jerry Barnett, 1.75; m'd'ze Peach Willis, 1.50	3 25
"	15.	" Sol. Willis, 6.75; 21st, 1 gall. whiskey, order, 3.00	9 75
"	22.	" Sam. James, 4.00; 2½ galls. whiskey, 7.50	11 50
"	23.	2 galls. whisky order, 6.00; m'd'ze F. W., $10.00	16 00
"	24.	1¼ " " " 4.50; 40 bus. corn, 40.00	44 50
"	25.	80 b'ls corn, $80; merch'ze, C. Sinns, 3.00	83 00
"	"	Mer'd'ze, Peach Willis, 5.50; mer'd'ze, order, J. G., 15	5 65
"	"	Cash paid hands, 4.10; 29th, 40 b'ls corn, $40.00	44 10
"	29.	M'd'ze, July Latson	3 35
"	"	" Henry Latson	3 75
Apr.	1.	" Jerry B., 4.75; m'd'ze, Jeff. P., 3.00; do., R. Smith, 1.00	8 75
"	8.	" Wm. Welt, 1.50; m'd'ze, Steve. Lauson, 5.50	7 00
"	10.	" P. Willis, 1.00; 11th, m'd'ze, Sam. James, 65	1 65
"	15.	" Sam. James, 1.75; 19th, m'd'ze, Sandy G., 2.75	4 70
"	21.	2 galls. wh'ky, order, J. G., 7.00; 22d, 2 gal. whisky, order, J. G., 7.00	14 00
"	22.	M'd'ze, Sam. James, 65; m'd'ze, Sandy G., 75	1 40
"	26.	" H. Lauson, 3.50; 28th, 4½ gal. molasses, 5.65	9 15
"	28.	" Sandy G., 2.00; 29th, merch'ze, Sam. James, 75	2 75
"	29.	Cotton, 3 bales, 83–84–92	110 05
		Amount carried forward	1,332 26
247		Amount brought forward	1,332 26

CREDIT.

1875.			
Oct.	29th.	By expenses, use of team one day	7 00
Nov.	20.	" Thornton Lumpkins, am't collected	21 04
Dec.	21.	" cotton in bale, with B. Holmes	5 60
"	23.	" expenses hauling 1 day	6 00

1876.

April 13.	" net proceeds 2 b. c., 162 × 153.....	75	96
" 29.	" " " ½ b. c. with Sophy Gates.....	9	23
" "	" " " ½ " No. 210.....	30	00

April 29th. Balance due Vance & Ziegler..... $1,162 79

" 47. Aug. 18th, 1876.

Buck Hall plantation to Jeff Parker, Dr.

To 4 days' work.....		4 00
" 1½ " "		50
		4 50

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) JEFF his + mark. PARKER.

Attest: JOHN GAYLE.

" 48. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Aug.* 23*d*, 1876.

Mr. S. W. Vance, for Miss Sallie, to Raphael Kahn & Co., Dr.

To 1 spool silk, 15; 1 silk belt, 6*s.*; 1 p'r ladies' kid, 2.00.....		2 90
" 1 shell shatelaine, 1.25; 4 ruches, 75.....		2 00
" 1½ yds. ruching, 1.13; 1½ ecrue lace, 1.00.....		2 13
" 4½ " b'ld wh't ribbon, @ 40c.....		1 80
" 5½ " lac' g. g., 4*s*.....		2 75
" 3 plaid silk scarfs, 3*s*.....		1 13
" 1 pink scarf, 75; 1 lace scarf, 75.....		1 50
" 1 heavy blue grenadine scarf.....		1 50
" 3 silk scarfs, 12*s*.....		4 50
" 1 yd. silk veiling.....		1 25
" 1 22-inch serge parasol.....		5 75
" 5½ yds. wavy blue.....		2 75
		$29 96

248 V. 49. July 20th, 1876.

Buck Hall plantation to Sandy Gilmer, Dr.

To 4½ days' work in new ground..... $5 50

Rec'd payment in full.

(Signed) SANDY his + mark. GILMER.

Attest: GAYLE.

" 50. July 20th, 1876.

Buck Hall plantation to Ben Lauson.

To whitewashing 23 houses, @ 1.00..... 23 00
" " fence, 5½ days, @ 1.00..... 5 50

28 50

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) BEN his + mark. LAUSON.

Attest: GAYLE.

" 51. *Thornton Lumpkins to cotton pickers, Dr.*

To cotton picked..... 9 00

Rece'd payment.

(S'g'd) THORNTON his + mark. LUMPKINS.

BUCK HALL, *Novem. 18th*, 1876.

" 52. March 6th, 1876.

Buck Hall plantation to Robert Smith, Dr.

To 5 days' work for plantation..... 7 50

Received payment in full.

(Signed) ROBERT his + mark. SMITH.

" 53. Feb. 24, '76.

Buck Hall plant. to Peach Willis, Dr.

" 6 bus. corn..... 6 00
" 100 b'dles fodder..... 1 00

$7 00

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) PEACH his + mark. WILLIS.

Attest: (Sig'd) JOHN GAYLE.

" 54. STATE OF LOUISIANA,
P'h of Bossier:

State & parish taxes for 1875, *Oct 18th*, 1876.

Received from S. W. Vance, for S. E. Vance, three hundred and sixty-two $\frac{65}{100}$ dollars, amount of State & parish taxes for the year 1875,
249 on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof in *in* accordance with law.

$362.65.]

(Signed) PERCY BAKER,
Tax Collector for Bossier Parish.

V. 55. March 23d.

Buck Hall plantation to Fed Warner, Dr.

To balance due on gin, crop 1875..... 12 00
Dr. S. W. Vance, cash to Jno. Gayle..... 10 00

22 00

Please pay John Gayle this amount for me.

(Signed) FED. his + mark. WARNER.

Rec'ed payment in full.

(Signed) JNO. GAYLE.

" 56. $10.00.

Received from S. W. Vance, for work done on running gear at Plaindealing, ten dollars.

Oct. 20th, 1875.

(Signed) JAMES his + mark. GOODLETT.

" THOMAS his + mark. WARD.

" 57. $210.10. BUCK HALL, *Feb. 14th*, 1876.

Received from S. W. Vance two hundred and ten & $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars, for Buck Hall plantation, work done for the year 1875.

(Signed) ISAM his + mark. GOODLETT.

" FRANK his + mark. WARD.

" 58. Feb. 18.

Buck Hall plantation to Robertson Smith, Dr.

To 1,008 rails..... 10 08

Received payment in full.

(Signed) ROBERTSON his + mark. SMITH.

Attest: (Signed) JNO. GAYLE.

" 59. Feb. 27th, 1876.

Buck Hall plantation, to Robertson Smith, Dr.

To 115 rails..... 1 15
" work done on plantation..... 4 50

$5 65

Rec'ed payment in full of above %.

(Signed) ROBERTSON his + mark. SMITH.

Attest: JNO. GAYLE.

250 60. SHREVEPORT, *January 1st*, 1876.

Buck Hall plant., bought of Thos. H. Morris:

Nov. 11. To 1 can, 4*s*.; 1 gall. train oil, 4*s*..... 1 00

Paid.

(Signed) THOS. H. MORRIS.

61. SHREVEPORT, LA., *July 23d*, 1873.

Dr. S. W. Vance, for Buck Hall, bought of Horan & Looney:

1 saddle..... 6 00

Paid.

(Signed) JOHN J. HORAN.

62. Dec. 16th, 1875.

Buck Hall plant. to Hardeman Brown.

To 2½ days' work, @ 1.50..... 3 75

Rec'ed payment, by order on Vance & Zeigler.

(Signed) HARDEMAN his + mark. BROWN.

Attest: JOHN GAYLE.

63. Jan. 7th, 1876.

Buck Hall plant. to Charmer Hedge, Dr.

To rails split for plantation..... $2 00

Rec'ed payment in full.

(Signed) CHARMER his + mark. HEDGE.

Attest: (Signed) JOHN GAYLE.

64. Jan. 16, '76.

Buck Hall plantation to Robertson Smith, Dr.

To 6 days' work..... 5 15

Rec'ed payment in full, by order on V. & Z.

(Signed) ROBERTSON his + mark. SMITH.

Attest: (Signed) JNO. GAYLE.

65. Jan. 6th, 1876.

Buck Hall plant. to Robertson Smith, Dr.

To 5 days' work on fence..... 7 50
" working with wagon..... 3 62
" rails split for plantation..... 1 25

12 37

Rec'ed payment in full of above %.

(Signed) ROBERTSON his + mark. SMITH.

Attest: (Signed) JOHN GAYLE.

251 V. 66. Jan. 7th.

Buck Hall plantation to Peach Willis, Dr.

To seven bush'ls corn..... 6 30

Rece'd pay. in full.

(Signed) his PEACH + mark. WILLIS.

Attest: ZIEGLER.

V. 67. BUCK HALL PLANT'N, *Dec. 22d*, 1873.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance twenty-five dollars, for brick work, building and repairing chimneys on the Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) THOS. B. WALKER.

" 68. June 12th, 1876.

Buck Hall plantation to Jeff. Parker, Dr.

To 3 days cutting oats, @ 1.50..... 4 50
" cutting wood..... 50
" hauling wood from over the river..... 50

$5 50

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) his JEFF. + mark. PARKER.

" 69. June 14th, 1876.

Buck Hall plantation to Jerry Barnett, Dr.

To balance cotton in division..... 11 68
" " " " "..... 8 84

$20 52

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) his JERRY + mark. BARNETT.

" 70. Aug. 18th, 1876.

Buck Hall plant. to Willis Pruner, Dr.

To 364 bundles fodder..... $3 64

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) his RUS. + mark. PRUNER.

Attest: JOHN GAYLE.

" 71. *Miss Sallie & Mollie Vance to Miss Lizzie Shuttleworth, Dr.*

1876.

To 2 tarleton dresses, 6.00..... 12 00

	" 1 wrapper	2 00
	Amount carried forward	14 00
252	1876.	
	Amount brought forward	14 00
	To 2 linen lawn dresses, @ 3.50	7 00
	" 1 wrapper	2 00
	" 1 linen lawn dress	4 00
	" 1 muslin dress	4 00
	" 1 white lace striped reque dress	3 75
	" 1 black grenadine dress	6 00
	" 2 calico dresses, @ 2.50	5 00
	" amount E. & B. Jacobs' bill	6 00
	" stage charges	1 00
		$56 75
	Less Mollie's bill	$16 00
	Paid.	$40 75

(Signed) M. E. SHUTTLEWORTH.
P'r JOHN S.

" 72. *Buck Hall plant'n to Jeff. Parker, Dr.*

To services rendered 3 91

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) JEFF. his + mark. PARKER.

" 73. July 17th, 1876.

Buck Hall plantation to Peach Willis, Dr.

To one day's work 1 25

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) PEACH his + mark. WILLIS.

Attest: JOHN GAYLE.

" 74. BUCK HALL, *Decem. 11th*, 1875.

Received from Dr. S. W. Vance the sum of $4.90, being payment in full for all cotton bought from me for Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) MILES his + mark. GILMER.

" 75. June 11th, '76.

Buck Hall plant. to Henry Clay, Dr.

To splitting 380 rails, @ 1.00 ..... 3 80

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) HENRY his + mark. CLAY.

Attest: JOHN GAYLE.

253 SHREVEPORT, LA., *Oct. 4th*, 1876.

Dr. S. W. Vance, for Miss Sallie, bought of Raphael Kahn & Co.:

1876.			
Oct. 4.	51 yds. calico, 8c		4 08
" "	21 " alpaca 1.50		30 00
" "	16 " navy blue damascene		6 40
" "	12 " ext. heavy canton flannel		3 60
" "	2 " bl'k velvetine 1.25		2 50
" "	4 " jac. edging		2 00
" "	4 " guipure lace 1.00		4 00
" "	2 " " " " 50c		1 00
" "	3 " ladies' merino vest 2.50		7 50
" "	1 balmoral skirt		2 75
" "	1 fine cashmere shawl		15 00
" "	1 velvet belt		1 00
" "	1 grenadine scarf		1 50
" "	1 gents "		1 00
" "	1 p'r ladies' kids		2 00
" "	1 doz. silk buttons		50
" "	1 p'r large scissors		1 25
" "	1 needle book		50
" "	1 doz. thread		75
" "	½ " silk		75
" "	2 boxes hair pins		50
" "	2 papers pins		25
" "	1 doz. linen tape		1 50
" "	12 " zephy'		2 40
" "	1 work basket		1 00
" "	1 hanging basket		2 25
" "	6 bunches str. braid		2 10
" "	6 " " "		2 40
" "	1 bottle shoe polish		25
			$100 73

254 77. To cotton picked for Dick Gates:

Jacob Murphy, 384 lbs	3 84
Prince Robertson, 588 lbs	5 88
Munroe Howard, 188 lbs	1 88
	11 60

Rece'd payment in full of above %.

(Signed) his JACOB + MURPHY. mark.

" his PRINCE + ROBERTSON. mark.

" his MUNROE + BROWN. mark.

78. Dr. S. W. Vance, Jn'y 1st, 1876, bought of Cummings & Morrison:

20 bush. oats @ 70c $14 00

Paid.

(Signed) JOE B. SMITH.

79. Jan. 8th, 1876.

Buck Hall plantation to Jake Taylor, Dr.

To cotton picked for plantation 3 30

Rece'd payment in full.

(Signed) his JAKE + TAYLOR. mark.

Attest: ZIEGLER.

80. *S. W. Vance, for daughter Sallie, to Nazareth Institute, Bardstown, Ky., Dr.*

1875.			
Oct. 30.	Herbarium, 30c; ½ doz. h'k'f's, 90; 1¼ y'ds lustre, 69; merino, 80c		10 89
" "	4 weeks' board at hospital, $20; paper, envelopes & stamps		20 94
" "	Cash 11.25; Nov., 25th, dentist bill, $25.00		36 25
" 26.	Dr. Reynolds' bill, $10; medicine, $4.05		14 05
" "	Atomized, 1.50; Nov. 27th, to car fare, 3.50		5 00
Dec. 1.	Expenses on guitar, 25; mending material 25c		50
" 21.	Shoe strings, 10c; soap, 20c; confectionery 5.00		5 30
" 23.	Pins, 10c; pictures, 1.00; note paper, 30c		1 40
1876.			
June 20th.	1 p'r shoes, 2.70; corset steel, 50c; stamps, 37		3 57
Feb. 1.	Session board & tuition, $88; stationery, $8; bed, $6		102 00
" "	Dr's fee, 5.00; washing, 5.00; piano, $20		30 00
			$229 90
By cash		$229 90	
		229 90	229 90

(Signed) Sister CLEOPHAS, *Treasurer Nazareth.*

255 *Buck Hall plant., Jan. 17th, 1876, in % with Fed. Warner, ginning on Buck Hall, 1875 & '6.*

Sept. 26.	To order on Vance & Zeigler		2 63
Oct. 9.	" " "		4 00
" "	Cash, Buck Hall		10 00
" "	Cash, Shreveport		5 00
" "	1 gall. whisky		4 00
" 20.	Cash, Vance & Zeigler		5 00

"	" Order " "		1 25
"	22. " " "		3 25
"	26. " " "		2 50
"	27. " " "		4 00
"	30. Cash in Shreveport		15 00
Nov.	8. " at Buck Hall		10 00
"	20. " in Shreveport		5 00
"	21. " Buck Hall		20 00
"	22. Order store V. & Z		5 75
Dec.	9. " " "		4 00
"	24. Cash in Shreveport		15 00
"	26. " at Buck Hall		15 00
Jan.	1. " in Shreveport		2 00
	Balance %		133 38

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By ginning crop of 1875	190 50
" wagoning for plantation	12 25

Balance due Fed. Warner.

Received payment in full of this account.

(Signed) his FED. + WARNER. mark.

Attest: (Signed) GAYLE.

" 82. BUCK HALL PLANT., *March 9th*, 1876.

Received of S. W. Vance ten dollars for clearing up fence row on Buck Hall plantation at this date.

(Signed) his EDMOND + BROWN. mark.

Attest: (Signed) JNO. GAYLE.

256 V. 83. *S. W. Vance in % with Dick Campbell.*

For 703 lbs. cotton, @ 1.00 per hundred		$7 93
By 2 cotton sacks	2 00	
" 14 lbs. meat	2 80	
1 plug tobacco	30	
Whisky & tobacco	60	
		5 70
		$2 23

Received payment in full of the above.
January 21st, 1866.

(Signed) his DICK + CAMPELL. mark.

V. 84. BUCK HALL, *January 17th*, 1876.

Received from S. W. Vance twenty-five dollars, for work on Buck Hall plantation, building houses in January of this year.

(Signed) FRANK his + mark. WARD.

" 85. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Feb. 8th*, 1876.

Dr. S. W. Vance, bought of Horan & Looney:

1 doz. Spiders B. bridles	8 75
1 coil cotton rope, 41 lbs., 22c	9 23
	17 98

Paid.

(Signed) HORAN & LOONEY.

" 86. March 7, '76.

Buck Hall plant. to Burrell Holmes, Dr.

To balance in division of cotton 11 08

Received payment in full of this account.

(Signed) BURRELL his + mark. HOLMES.

Attest: C. MCCLANAGHAN.

" 87. SHREVEPORT, LA., *March 11th*, 1876.

Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, bought of Horan & Looney:

1 wagon saddle	6 00
2 sheep skins	2 00
	8 00

Paid.

(Signed) HORAN & LOONEY,
Per MONCURE.

" 88. *Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, in % with Conway & Buckalew.*

1875.

April 17. To amount bill rendered $11 46

Amount carried forward.

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	Amount brought forward	11 46
1875.		
May 8th.	6 steel sweept, 1.50	9 00
June 12.	Amount bill rendered	21 50
Aug. 18.	75 lbs. wrought spikes 10c	7 50
Oct. 30.	2 padlocks	1 25
	Interest on % to 1st Novem., 1875, @ 8 %	1 47
	Amount due Novem. 1st, 1875	52 18
	Interest for $\frac{2}{3}$, mos	82

Nov. 20.	2 per butts	75
" "	1 hatchet	1 25
	Amount due 10 January, 1876	55 00
	Interest for 2 mos	73
Feb. 26th.	1 keg fence nails	5 00
"	5 p'rs traces	5 00
"	5 " harness	2 50
		68 23
Credit on nails, &c		1 75
		$66 48

Settled by draft on Cummings & Morrison, March 11th, 1876.

(Signed) CONWAY & BUCKALEW,
Per ROGERS.

" 89. March 25th, 1876.

Buck Hall plantation to Edward Tanner, Dr.

To ½ day's work	on York's fence	35
" 2 " "	Andrew "	1 50
		1 85

Rec'd payment in full.

(Signed) his EDWARD + mark. TANNER.

Attest:
(Signed) GAYLE.

" 90. March 20, '76.

Buck Hall plantation to Robertson Smith, Dr.

To 3 days' work	on plantation	4 50
" 1 night's "	"	1 50
	Balance due	6 00

Received five dollars in full of this amount.

(Signed) his ROBERTSON + mark. SMITH.

258 V. 91. M'ch 25, '76.

Buck Hall plantation to Wilson Clay, Dr.

To 1 day's work	on York fence	75
" 2 " " "	Andrews "	1 50
		2 25

Rec'd payment in full.

(Signed) his WILSON + mark. CLAY.

Attest:
(Signed) JOHN GAYLE.

" 92. *Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall plant. in % with B. Burton.*

To 4,800 boards, @ 4.00 per M	19 20
" 2,300 "	9 20
	28 40
By cash	3 00
Balance due	$25 40

Dr. S. W. Vance will please pay to Mr. Lee Carrier the above amount.

(S'g'd) his B. + BURTON. mark.

Rec'ed payment in full.
(S'g'd) LEE CARRIER, Per McCRAY.

" 93. *Buck Hall plant. to S. W. Vance, Dr.*

1875.		
Jan. 20.	Sharpening 1 plow, 25; laying 1 plow, 1.25	1 50
" 23.	" 12 " @ 25	3 00
" "	Laying 1 plow	1 25
Feb. 1.	Repairing 1 king-bolt	50
" "	Laying 1 plow, 1.25; sharpening 1 plow, 25	1 50
" "	Ironing 2 single trees, at 6s	1 50
" "	Repairing 1 p'r hames	50
" 8.	Shoeing Toby all round	2 50
" "	Sharp'g 1 plow, 25; 2 lap-rings, 50c	75
" "	Ironing d. tree & 2 single trees, H. G	3 50
" "	4 lap-rings, 50c; 10 nails for gate, 40c	90
" 16.	3 new links, 75; 1 ring, 50	1 25
" "	3 lap-rings	50
" "	Pulling shoes off Toby	25
	Amount carried forward	$19 40

259	Amount brought forward	19 40
1875.		
Feb. 16.	To burning lampers	25
March 4.	" ironing 2 s. trees	2 50
" "	" sharp'g 3 plows	75
" "	" burning lampers	25
" 8.	" 1 doz. nails, 25; 2 l. rings, 50; 2 clevises, 1.50	2 25
" "	" sharpening 1 plow	25
" "	" repairs on wagon, order S. W. V	10 00
" "	" 2 large staples, 50c.; sharpening 1 plow, 25	75
" "	" repairs on wagon tongue	50
" 17.	" sharpening 3 plows	75
" "	" 1 bolt in buggy, 25; sharp'g 3 plows, 75	1 00
Apr. 3.	" 1 hook on breast yoke	50

"	"	"	8 staples, 75; 2 lap rings, 50	1 25
"	8	"	18 nails for gates	40
"	"	"	2 plow beams for Isam	3 00
"	"	"	1 doz. nails	25
"	13.	"	sharp'g 1 plow, J. B.	25
"	19.	"	" & setting 10 hoes	2 00
"	21.	"	2 hooks for gate	50
"	"	"	shoeing Fanny all round	2 50
"	"	"	sharp'g 1 plow	25
"	24.	"	2 doz. nails	50
"	"	"	hooks & staples	25
May	3.	"	1 rod, 75; new shovel steel, 2.15	2 90
"	7.	"	shoeing Toby	1 25
"	"	"	welding 1 bolt	50
"	"	"	4 lap rings	1 00
"	12.	"	sh'p'g 4 plows, 1.00; do. 2 sweep, 4s	1 50
"	20.	"	" 3 " 2s	75
"	"	"	" 3 hoes, 10	30
"	"	"	" 1 plow, D. H	25
			Amount carried forward	61 00
260			Amount brought forward	61 00
1875.				
May	20th.	To	sharp'g 3 plows, @ 10c	30
"	25.	"	shoeing 2 mules	2 50
"	"	"	sh'p'g 1 sweep & 2 plows	1 00
"	"	"	" 1 shovel & repairing 2 p'rs traces	1 75
"	28.	"	" 3 plows & 1 sweep	1 25
"	29.	"	" 1 plow	25
"	30.	"	" 4 sweeps, @ 4s	2 00
June	7.	"	" 4 plows, @ 2s	1 00
"	"	"	" pointing 1 plow	50
"	"	"	2 l. rings & sharp'g 1 plow	50
"	"	"	sharp'g 2 sweeps, 4s	1 00
"	15.	"	one new sweep, M. G., 9 #, @ 2s	2 45
"	"	"	sh'p'g 1 plow	25
"	"	"	pointing 1 plow	50
"	"	"	1 new clevis	75
"	19.	"	sh'p'g 3 sweeps, 4s	1 50
"	"	"	" 1 plow, H. G.	25
"	"	"	" 1 " D. G.	25
"	"	"	6 links for ferry chain	1 50
"	29.	"	sh'p'g 2 sweeps, 4s	1 00
"	"	"	" 1 plow	25
"	"	"	" 2 " B. L.	50
July	23.	"	1 doz. nails, 25c.; repairs on Dick's wagon 1.50	1 75
Aug.	4.	"	sh'p'g 3 sweeps, 4s	1 50
"	"	"	" 5 plows, 2s	1 25
"	"	"	" 3 sweeps, 4s	1 50
"	10.	"	2 bolts for buggy	1 00

"	"	"	sh'p'g 2 sweeps	1 00
"	"	"	1 rod in plow	75
"	"	"	pulling shoes off Toby	25
"	23.	"	sharp'g 4 sweeps, 4s	2 00
			Amount carried forward	93 25

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			Amount brought forward	93 25
Aug.	28.	To	6 p'rs strap-hinges for crib	21 00
"	"	"	shoeing Fannie	50
Sept.	3.	"	1 hook for store	25
"	8.	"	repairs on store cart	3 00
"	"	"	pulling shoes off Fanny	50
"	16.	"	clamps for gin	4 00
"	18.	"	1 back-chain for cart	75
"	23.	"	ironing 6 s. t. for gin	6 00
"	"	"	6 lap-rings	1 50
"	"	"	3 pins	75
Oct.	4.	"	repairs on wagon	2 00
"	"	"	1 pair breast-chains	1 50
"	"	"	ironing cotton-frame	12 00
"	"	"	2 bolts for buggy, 1.00; 1 p'r hinges, 1.50	2 50
Nov.	17.	"	2 braces for wagon, 1.00; shoeing mules, 2.50	3 50
"	"	"	1 doz. nails, 25c.; burning lampers, 25	50
"	27.	"	putting one shoe on Fanny	25
"	"	"	shoeing 1 horse	1 25
"	"	"	2 bolts & 2 hooks for hinges	3 00
			To amount 31st day of December, 1875	158 00

Received payment of this account when homologation and judgment of court is rendered. June 2d, 1876.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Nat'l Tutor.

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence, and marked J, Oct. 22d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k., d. c.

Petition, order, commission, & proces verbal of family meeting of date Oct. 1864.

PETITION.

262 To the hon. the judge of the tenth judicial district of the State of Louisiana, exercising jurisdiction as judge of probate for the parish of Bossier.

The petition of Samuel W. Vance, tutor to the minors, Sarah E. Vance & Mary B. G. Vance, & Samuel W. Vance, jr., would respectfully present the proces verbal of a family meeting, held in said parish before Milton P. Long, recorder of said parish, composed of the relations and friends of said minors, recommending the sale of certain lands belonging to said minors, situated in said parish. Said proces verbal is hereto annexed and

made a part of this petition, and prays that said family meeting be homologated, and an order of sale be rendered to sell said lands for cash, provided the appraisement be bid, and for reinvestment of proceeds of said sale in other land for the benefit of said minors, and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) LOONEY & WELLS,
Att'ys for Tutor.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

10th district clerk's office.

In this cause, after due consideration of the foregoing petition, it is ordered that the proceeding of the family meeting called by order of this court, composed of the relatives and friends of the minors, Sarah E. Vance, Mary B. G. Vance, & Samuel W. Vance, jr., and held before Milton P. Long, parish recorder for this parish, on the 15th day of October, 1864, be, and the same is hereby, homologated and made the order and judgment of this court,
263 and it is hereby ordered, that the third part of the Bi' Bend plantation, in value as follows, to wit, to commence on the western boundary of section twenty-eight, fifty-eight chains and eighty links from the northwest corner of said section, and running then south fifty-eight chains and eighty links on the boundary lines between sections thirty-two and thirty-three; thence north eighty-nine degrees and ten seconds east, eighty chains and seven links, to the eastern boundary line of section thirty-three; thence north fifty-eight chains and eighty links to the southern boundary of lot number one, which lot number one is specifically described in act of partition of the succession of George E. Gilmer, made by M. P. Long, recorded on the 26th of February, 1864; thence west along said boundary line to the beginning, be sold, after due advertisement, at public auction, and that Alden, sheriff, be commissioned to sell said lands for cash, provided the appraisement be bid; and it is further ordered that Samuel W. Vance, senior, tutor to said minors, invest the proceeds of the sale of said lands in other lands in the name of said minors.

Given under my hand officially on this 14th day of October, 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 24th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk.

264 COMMISSION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
P'h of Bossier.

Clerk's office 10th district court.

To Milton P. Long, recorder and ex officio notary public in and for said parish and State.

You are hereby authorized and required, in pursuance of an order of our said court to convoke and give audience to a family meeting composed of the relatives of the minors Sara E. Vance, Mary B. G. and Samuel W.

Vance, jr.; minors of Mary B. Gilmer, deceased, to wit, James Marks, Nicholas M. Marks, George N. Gilmer, R. W. Vance, J. B. Winston, James A. Herron, J. S. Milling, John Adger and J. W. Vance, relatives and friends of said minors, any five of whom may act; said family meeting called to advise to the best interest of said minors in regard to the sale of certain lands and the proceeds invested in other lands. You will notify P. R. Gilmer, undertutor, to said minors, of the time and place of holding said family meeting, and make due return of your proces verbal of family meeting to this office.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Bellevue this the 14th day of October, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 24th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'lk d. c.

FAMILY MEETING.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier.

We and each of us do solmnly swear that as members of a family
265 meeting called to advise and recommend for the best interest of the minors Sarah E. Vance, Mary B. G. Vance & Samuel W. Vance, jr., do solemnly swear that in consulting and advising, we will recommend for the best interest of said minors, according to the best of our judgment, skill, and ability.

(Signed) M. MARKS.
" JAMES MARKS.
" JAMES B. WINSTON.
" R. W. VANCE.
" JAS. S. MILLING.
" JOHN ADGER.
" GEORGE N. GILMER.
" JAS. A. HERRON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of October, 1874.

(Signed) M. P. LONG,
Recorder & Not. Public.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it remembered, that on this the 15th day of October, 1864, I, Milton P. Long, recorder and ex officio notary public, in and for Bossier Parish, Louisiana, duly commissioned and sworn, by virtue of a commission to me, issued from the district court of said parish and State, dated the 14th day of Oct., 1864, authorizing me, the said notary public, to call and give audience to a family meeting composed of the relatives and friends of the minors, Sarah E. Vance, Mary B. G. Vance, and Samuel W. Vance, jr., to wit, James Marks, Nicholas M. Marks, George N. Miller, R. W. Vance, J. B. Winston, James A. Herron, John Adger, and J. W. Vance & J. S. Milling, and having duly summoned said members, together with Peach R. Gilmer, under tutor to said minors, to be and appear at
266 the residence of R. Y. Graves, in said parish, on the day and date first above written, to recommend and advise for the best interest of said minors touching the sale of certain lands belonging to said minors,

and the best investment of the price of said lands. When on said day appeared before me at the said residence of said R. Y. Graves, James Marks, Nicholas M. Marks, R. Y. Vance, George N. Gilmer, J. B. Winston, John Adger, James A. Herron, and James S. Middling; and after having duly sworn said members to recommend and advise for the best interest of said minors, they, after due consultation, do advise and recommend as follows, to wit:

Whereas it appears that a partition of the property belonging to the succession of George E. Gilmer, made by M. P. Long, recorder of Bossier parish, on the 26th day of Feb., 1864, the following described lands were drawn by one of said minors, and inherited from James G. Vance, deceased, and adjudicated to them, to wit, the third part of Bee Bend plantation, in value, to commence on the western boundary of section twenty-eight (28), fifty-eight chains and eighty links from the northwest corner of said section, and running south fifty-eight chains and eighty links on the boundary line between sections thirty-two (32) and thirty-three, then north eighty-nine degrees ten seconds east, eighty chains and seven links to the eastern boundary line of section thirty-three (33), then north fifty-eight chains and eighty links to the southern boundary of lot number one, which lot is fully described in said act of partition, thence west along
267 said boundary to the beginning, all in township nineteen, range thirteen, containing four hundred and sixty-nine and $\frac{65}{100}$ acres. And it further appearing to our satisfaction that said lot of lands are entirely detached from the other lands belonging to said minors, and the amount of land too small to use as a separate plantation, and the use very inconvenient for said minors; also that Samuel W. Vance, tutor to said minors, has the opportunity of investing the price of said lands in other lands of more use and more valuable to said minors, the said family meeting therefore advise & recommend that it is for the interest of said minors that said lands be sold for cash, provided the appraised value thereof be bid; and the said Samuel W. Vance, tutor, is advised to invest the price of said lands in the name of and for the benefit of said minors. And there being no other business before said family meeting, I closed the same; and in testimony of all the foregoing I have caused said members of said family meeting, also Peachy R. Gilmer, the undertutor, to said minors, to sign this act and proces verbal in presence of Rob't J. Loony and lawful witnesses, whom I have caused to sign as such with me, said recorder and notary public, on the day and date of the beginning.

(Signed) J. W. VANCE.
" JAS. MARKS.
" R. W. VANCE.
" N. M. MARKS.
" JOHN ADGER.
" J. B. WINSTON.
" J. A. HERRON.
" JAS. S. MILLING.
" GEORGE N. GILMER.
268 " P. R. GILMER, *Under Tutor.*

Attest:
(Signed) ROBT. J. LOONEY.
" M. P. LONG,
Recorder & Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 24th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, C'k, D. C. The above petition, order, commission and proces verbal were filed in evidence and marked J, Oct. 22d, 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

Petition, order, commission, proces verbal.

PETITION.

To the hon. judge of the parish court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

The petition of S. W. Vance, of above parish, respectfully shows, that his minor daughter, Sallie E. Vance, of whom he is the natural tutor, duly appointed and qualified, is the owner of a certain plantation in your said parish known as Buck Hall plantation, which has been long in successful cultivation. He represents that it is now too late in the season to lease said plantation, and that it ought to be cultivated for the use and benefit of said minor. He further shows that the said minor has no funds in hand to buy the supplies and other things necessary to make, gather and prepare crops for harvest on said plantation, and that it is necessary for your petitioner, to contract with some merchant in Shreveport to furnish them; that he has made arrangements with the commercial firm of E. &. B. Jacobs to furnish said supplies, but that in order to enable him
269 to obtain them, and bind the crop grown on said plantation for the payment of said advances, it is necessary that he be authorized, by a decree of your honorable court, to cultivate said plantation, to contract with the said or any other responsible merchant in Shreveport to furnish said supplies, and to bind the crops grown for the payment thereof, by legally pledging all to be done upon the advice and recommendation of a family meeting which should be called to deliberate on the matters and things set forth in this petition and advised thereon. He further shows that the said E. & B. Jacobs have agreed to furnish supplies, money, and all other things that may be needed to make said crops, to the amount of eleven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose. He further shows that said family meeting should be composed of W. C. Vance, J. C. Vance, Dr. R. W. Vance, Dr. T. J. Vance, J. P. Vance, all of whom are blood relations of said minor and of Archie Strange, who is a friend.

The premises being considered, he prays that a family meeting be called to deliberate and advise on the following matters, to wit:

1st. To recommend that your petitioner, by a decree of this court, be authorized to cultivate said plantation for the benefit of said minor during the present year.

2d. That he be authorized to contract with the said E. & B. Jacobs, or any other responsible merchant, for the advance of all supplies of
270 every kind, and of money necessary to make, gather, and prepare for market the crops grown on said plantation during said year, to the amount of eleven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose.

3. That he be authorized to execute in favor of said E. & B. Jacobs, or other party contracting with your petitioner, a pledge of all the crops

grown on said plantation during said year, to secure the payment of said advances to the amount of eleven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; that said meeting be composed of the persons above named in this petition, and that P. R. Gilmer, the under tutor of the minor, be cited to attend. He further prays that a commission issue to any competent authority to convoke and hold said meeting.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR, *Att'ys.*

ORDER.

Let a family meeting be convoked, composed of the persons named in the foregoing petition, for the purpose of deliberating and advising on the matters and things set forth therein, and let a commission issue to any competent authority to hold said meeting. Done and signed at chambers this day of May, A. D. 1876.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier P'h Judge.

COMMISSION.

In Bossier parish court, La.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR OF }
S. W. VANCE, LOUISIANA. }

To any qualified notary public, greeting:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, and by virtue of an order
271 from the Hon. B. F. Foot, parish judge in and for said parish and State, you are hereby authorized and required to convoke and give audience to a family meeting, & give P. R. Gilmer, under tutor, notice of the time and place of said meeting, to be composed of W. C. Vance, J. C. Vance, Dr. R. W. Vance, Dr. T. J. Vance, J. P. Vance, all of whom are blood relations of the minor and of Archie Strange, who is a friend, and advise whether or not their natural tutor and father, S. W. Vance, be authorized to cultivate the plantation belonging to said minor, known as the "Buck Hall" plantation, and to contract debts for supplies and money, as much as may be necessary to grow and gather and prepare a crop for market on said plantation during the present year, either with the firm of E. & B. Jacobs, of Shreveport, La., or any other merchants of said place, to the amount of eleven thousand ($11,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose aforementioned; also, to execute a pledge on the crop grown on said plantation the present year, to secure the payment of said supplies to be advanced, &c., and act generally in the interest of said minors.

Given under my official signature and seal of office this 10th day of May, 1876.

(Signed) G. B. ABERCROMBRIE,
Clerk D. C.

Rece'd the commission May 13th, 1876, and on same day duly executed the same, as per proces verbal hereto annexed.

(Signed) T. W. WOODRUFF,
Notary Public.

272 (Endorsed:) Filed May 15th, 1876. (Signed) G. B. Abercrombie, clerk d. c.

PROCES VERBAL.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

We and each of us do solemnly swear that we will faithfully and impartially recommend and advise touching the matters and things submitted to us on behalf of the minor Sallie E. Vance to the best of our knowledge and ability, so help us God.

(Signed) W. C. VANCE.
(") R. W. VANCE.
(") J. P. VANCE.
(") T. J. VANCE.
(") JOHN C. VANCE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 13th day of May, 1876.
(Signed) T. W. WOODRUFF,
Notary Public.

Be it known that by virtue of a decree of the parish court of the parish of Bossier, rendered on the 10th day of May, 1876, and of a commission of said court, hereto annexed, authorizing and requiring me to convoke and hold a family meeting, to be composed of the nearest relations of the minor Sallie E. Vance, for the purpose of deliberating and advising in relation to certain matters and things affecting the interest of said minor, I, Thomas William Woodruff, a duly qualified and commissioned notary public in and for said parish, did, on the 13th day of May, 1876, cause to appear before me, at the residence of Dr. S. W. Vance, the father and natural tutor of said minor, in said parish, the fol-
273 lowing-named persons, who are the nearest relatives of said minor: Dr. R. W. Vance, Dr. J. T. Vance, J. P. Vance, W. C. Vance, and J. C. Vance. Having first caused these persons to take and subscribe the oath required by law, and on the reverse hereof written and signed, I then explained to them the object and purpose on which they were called to deliberate and advise as follows:

1st. Whether it is to the interest of said minor that her father and tutor be authorized to cultivate for her use and benefit a certain plantation belonging to her in said parish, and known as the Buck Hall plantation.

2d. Whether it is to the interest of said minor that her said tutor be authorized to contract with the commercial firm of E. & B. Jacobs, or any responsible merchant of Shreveport, to advance the supplies and money necessary to enable the tutor to make, gather, and prepare for market the crops to be grown on said plantation during the present year to the amount of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the above-mentioned purpose.

3d. To authorize the said tutor to execute in due form of law a pledge of all the crops grown on said plantation during the present year to the said firm of E. & B. Jacobs, or other merchants furnishing said supplies and money to the amount of two thousand dollars, or so much of said amount as may be furnished for making, gathering, and preparing said crops for market on said plantation.

274 Whereupon the said persons did organize themselves as a family meeting, and, after due deliberation & consultation, unanimously

advise and recommend, as being for the best interest of said minor, as follows:

1st. That her tutor be authorized to cultivate said plantation and make crops thereon for her use and benefit during the present year.

2d. That he be authorized to contract with Messrs. E. & B. Jacobs, or any responsible merchant of Shreveport, to furnish supplies and money to the amount of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to enable the said tutor to make, gather, and prepare for market the crops to be grown by him on said plantation during the present year; and

3d. That he be authorized to execute in due form of law to the said E. & B. Jacobs, or other merchant furnishing said supplies and money, a pledge of all the crops grown on said plantation during the present year to secure the payment of said amount (two thousand dollars), or so much thereof as may be necessary to make, gather, and prepare said crop for market. The under tutor of said minor, P. R. Gilmer, having been present at said meeting and participated in its deliberations, concurred in all of the above-named recommendations and consented that the proceedings of the meeting be approved and homologated by the court.

In testimony whereof the members of said family meeting have hereto affixed their signatures, together with me, said notary, and the said under tutor, in presence of Messrs. , and ,
275 competent witnesses, domiciliated in said parish, on this thirteenth day of May, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

(Signed) W. C. VANCE.
" J. P. VANCE.
" R. W. VANCE.
" JNO. C. VANCE.
" T. J. VANCE.
" P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

Attest:
(Signed) J. DUER.
" H. H. PICKETT.
" A. C. STRAIN.

(Signed) THOS. W. WOODRUFF,
Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 15th, 1876. (Signed) G. B. Abercrombie, clerk d. c.

Petition and decree of homologation.

To the honorable the parish judge of the parish court of Bossier Parish:

The petition of S. W. Vance, of the above parish, and natural tutor of Sallie Vance, his minor child, respectfully avers that by virtue of an order granted by your honorable court, a family meeting was held by a duly commissioned and qualified notary public of your said parish to deliberate and advise touching said matters and things affecting the interest of said minor, as will fully appear by referring to the proces verbal of the proceedings of the meeting, in all of the recommendations of which the under tutor

concurred, herewith filed and made part of this petition. The premises being considered, he prays that the proceedings of said meeting be approved, confirmed, and homologated in all respects, and be made the judgment of this honorable court.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR,
Att'ys of Petitioner.

276 The law and the evidence being in favor of the demand of the above petition, it is by reason thereof ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the proceedings of the family meeting held on the 13th day of May, 1876, to deliberate and advise in relation to certain matters submitted to it on behalf of the minor Sallie Vance be, and the same are hereby, approved, confirmed, and homologated and made the judgment of the court, and that S. W. Vance, the tutor of said minor, be, and is hereby, authorized to cultivate the Buck Hall plantation, in the parish of Bossier, belonging to said minor, during the present year. That he be, and is hereby, authorized to contract with E. & B. Jacobs, or any other responsible merchant of Shreveport, to furnish supplies and money to the amount of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to enable him to make, gather, and prepare for market the crop grown on said plantation during the present year, and to execute in due form to the said E. & B. Jacobs, or other merchant furnishing said supplies and money, a pledge of all the crops grown on said plantation for the said sum of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to make, gather, and prepare said crops for market. Thus done and signed at chambers, on this 15th day of May, 1876.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 15th, 1876. (Signed) G. B. Abercombrie, c'k d. c.

277 The above petition, order, commission, and proces verbal were filed in evidence and marked K, Oct. 22d, 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

Petition and account marked 3d annual.

PETITION.

District court, parish of Bossier.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR S. E. VANCE.

To the honorable the parish judge of the 10th judicial district court:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that he herewith files in court his third annual account as tutor to his minor child, Sarah E. Vance.

Your petitioner represents that in previous accounts filed in court that he has accounted in full for all property proceeds of same belonging to his minor child.

Petitioner prays that after the legal notices & delays the statement or account be approved, homologated, and made the judgment of the court. He prays that Peach R. Gilmer, of this said State and parish, as under tutor to said minor, be duly notified of the filing of this account, and further prays for all rules, notices, orders, and decrees needful in the premises, and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

I have examined this account, with accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct, and fully approve the same, and waive notice of the filing of the same, this 4th day of August, 1871.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

278 ACCOUNT.

Sarah E. Vance, minor, in % with S. W. Vance, N'l Tutor.

Vouch.	Names of creditors on this account.	
1.	Balance due tutor in last account, filed 6th day of October, 1869	$2,465 49
2.	Commissions due tutor and not charged in % filed 6th Oct., 1869	1,131 65
3.	Miss Laura Hunter	93 75
4.	Vance & Haynes, blacksmith, 1869	184 14
5.	Cost of suit Pickett heirs	11 10
6.	W. H. Hill, Pickett suit	4 50
7.	Miss Laura Hunter	18 30
8.	A. W. Edwards	235 00
9.	Thos. N. Braden	19 60
10.	Freight bill, D. L. Tally	17 50
11.	W. H. Scanland	3 00
12.	McCutchon & Co	177 84
13.	St. b't Frank Morgan	1 50
14.	Andrew Williams & A. Spurlin	50 00
15.	St. boat Southwestern	10 00
16.	Miss Laura Hunter	138 60
17.	Conway & Buckelen	30 50
18.	" "	7 56
19.	C. E. Byrd	15 00
20.	T. H. Morris	2 00
21.	Conway & Buckelen	126 00
22.	Internal revenue tax	186 40
23.	Hamilton Co	41 43
24.	J. N. Cooper	8 40
25.	Horan & Buckner	6 00
26.	H. W. Farley & Co	641 88
	Amount carried forward.	
279 27.	A. L. Chapman	700 00
	28. Vance & Haynes, B. Smith %, 1870	388 24

29. St'boat Fleta		9 37
30. Dr. F. M. Abney		45 00
31. H. W. Farley & Co		462 77
32. Miss Laura Hunter		3 50
33. L. L. Walker		23 00
34. W. R. Prather		87 00
35. Frank Ward & Isam Goodlett		200 00
36. Gabe Gilmer		350 00
37. Parish and State taxes		19 50
38. H. W. Farley & Co		129 59
	$8,045	11
Due tutor on 9,473.37 @ 10 %	947	33
Total amount due tutor in this %	$8,992	44

CREDITS.

By ½ interest in 151 b. c., net proceeds being $9,734.37, ÷ 2 =	$4,736	68
" ¾ interest in Montgomery M'f'g Co	409	20
Note W. H. Wilkins collected, $1,995.00, minor's ½ interest	997	50
Total amount due minor	6,143	18
Amount due tutor	8,992	44
Balance due tutor	$2,849	26
39. To parish taxes overlooked	95	40
40. " internal revenue "	228	27
41. " State taxes "	267	12
Total amount due tutor in this %	$3,440	05

(Endorsed:) Filed Aug: 17th, 1871. (Signed) N. F. Cox, d'y c'k d. c.

280 VOUCHERS.

1871.

1. *The minor S. E. Vance in % with S. W. Vance, n'l tutor.*

To balance in last %, being the 2d, filed 6th day of October, 1869, two thousand four hundred and sixty-five $\frac{49}{100}$ dollars $2,465 49

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
N'l Tutor.

2d. *The minor Sallie E. Vance, in % with S. W. Vance, n'l tutor.*

To commissions neglected in last 2d annual account, filed 6th of October, 1869, eleven hundred & thirty-one $\frac{65}{100}$ dollars, commissions on $11,316.50, @ 10 % $1,131 65

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
N'l Tutor.

3. From July 18th, 1870. Sallie E. Vance:

1870.

To making 1 Florence muslin		2 00
" " 1 plain " & 1 calico		2 25
" 1 p'r gaiters		3 50
" last		15 00
" music lesson		22 00
" music purchased by Miss Blanchard		1 50
" board and tuition		26 00
" ticket to Professor Hazelmayer		50
		93 75

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

4. *Vance & Ogden in % with Vance & Haynes.*

1869.

Jan.	9.	1 Hame, hook, & staple	50
"		½ doz. lap-rings	75
"	12.	Shoeing horse, 1.25; 2 s. trees, 2.50; 2 lap-rings, 40	4 15
"	"	Sharp'g 1 plow, 25; pointing 1 plow, 50	75
		Amount carried forward	$6 15

281	1869.		Amount brought forward	6 15
Jan.	22d.	To sh'p'g 8 plows		2 00
"	"	" pointing & patching 1 plow, 1.50; 1 p'r staples, 40		1 90
"	31.	" 6 single trees, 1.25		7 50
"	"	" point'g 2 plows, 1.00; sh'p'g 1 do., 25; 2 staples, 40		1 65
"	"	" 3 links, 38; hame irons, 75; 2 sets d. trees, 8.20		9 33
"	"	" 2 single trees, 2.50; 1 lap-ring, 20; 3 staples, 38		3 08
Feb.	5.	" repairing plow handles		75
"	"	" 1 p'r hames, 75; 1 p'r staples, 50; 3 plow handles, 1.25		2 50
"	"	" 1 beam		50
"	10	" laying 3 plows, 3.75; 2 d. trees, 8.20; 2 s. trees, 2.50		14 45
"	"	" 1 clevis, 75; burning lampers 8 mules, 2.00		2 75
"	"	" 1 plow stock, 1.25; 1 p'r handles, 75		2 00
"	15.	" 1 beam, 50; 1 p'r hames, 1.25		1 75
"	16.	" repairing d. tree		25
"	18.	" 2 plows, 57 lbs		14 25
"	"	" 2 stocks		2 50
"	27.	" 1 plow stock		1 25
Mch.	3.	" sh'p'g 3 plows, 45; 2 new plows, 3.00		3 45
"	"	" 2 heel bolts		1 00

	"	8.	" sh'p'g 3 plows, 75; 12th, 1 wing to plow, 3.50	4 25
	"	12.	" " 2 " 50; 1 beam, 50; 2 links, 25..	1 25
	"	"	" 1 horse shod all round	2 50
	"	"	" 1 round & handles	50
	"	18.	" sh'p'g 2 plows, 50; sh'p'g 1 do., 25	75
	"	25.	" " 2 " 50; laying 1 do., 1.25; p't'g 1 do & staple, 60	2 35
	"	"	" repairing wagon, 20.00; making 1 tongue, 1.50	21 50
	"	"	" making 1 staple	37
	"	26.	" breast chain & seven links	1 50
	"	"	" standards, 50; rep'g hames, 50	1 00
	"	"	" 1 p'r staples, 25; 1 clip, 25; mending 2 clips, 25	75
	"	"	" 1 hammer	25
	Apr.	4.	" sharp'g 2 plows	50
282	1876.			
	April	12.	To 1 new plow	6 00
	"	"	" s'p'g 1 plow, 25; wood work child's wagon, 1.25	1 50
	"	15.	" " 8 " 2.00; making 2 heel bolts, 1.00	3 00
	"	"	" laying 4 plows, 4.00; sh'p'g 3 scrapers, 90	4 90
	"	"	" 4 p'rs staples, 80; sh'p'g 3 bull tongues, 45	1 25
	"	"	" 1 plow stock, 1.25; 6 p'r handles, 2.25..	3 50
	"	"	" 4 rounds	50
	"	17.	" 1 new plow, 6.50; shoeing 2 horses, 1.25..	1 25
	"	"	" 2 plow stocks	2 50
	"	24.	" sharp'g 1 plow	25
	"	29.	" " scrapers, 90; 1 bar to plow, 1.50..	2 40
	"	"	" 1 new plow, 22 lbs. #	5 50
	"	"	" sharp'g 1 plow, 15; 3 p'rs staples, 60 ...	75
	"	"	" 1 stock, 1.25; 1 p'r handles, 37	1 62
	"	30.	" repairing wagon, iron work	2 50
	"	"	" 1 p'r hounds	2 50
	May	3.	" making 1 coupling bolt	3 75
	"	"	" 1 p'r staples, 20c.; 1 plow stock, 1.00 ...	1 25
	"	"	" setting 1 tire, 1.50; mending spoke & fellows, 75	2 25
	"	14.	" 1 sweep, 4.00; sh'p'g 1 scrape, 30c	4 30
	"	"	" sh'p'g 2 shovels, 30c.; pl'g 1 plow, 50..	80
	"	"	" 2 hooks, 1.00; 2 handles, 37c	1 37
	"	20.	" sh'p'g 7 plows, 1.75; 1 p'r staples, 20...	1 95
	"	"	" 5 sweeps, 96 lbs, $24.00; 2 sweeps, 30 lbs., @ 30c, 9.00	33 00
	"	"	" sh'p'g 8 sweeps	2 40
	"	25.	" 5 plows, 1.25; 1 p'r handle rounds, 65..	1 90
	June	4.	" sh'p'g 6 plows, 1.50; 2 beams & 1 round, 1.20	2 70

	"	"	"	setting & sharp'g saw	1 00
	"	10.	"	sharp'g 1 plow	25
	"	11.	"	1 wing to plow	3 00
	"	16.	"	sharpening 5 plows	1 25
	"	20.	"	" 6 "	1 50
	"	"	"	laying 2 "	2 50
283	1876.				
	June	20th.	To	one heel bolt	50
	"	26th.	"	laying 5 plows	5 00
	"	"	"	sh'p'g 7 sweeps	2 10
	"	"	"	2 p'rs staples, 40; 3 heel bolts, 1.50	1 90
	July	1.	"	sh'p'g 2 sweeps & 1 plow, 85; 1 rod, staple, & heel bolt, $2.50	2 35
	"	"	"	1 beam handle & rounds	1 00
	"	"	"	upsetting 2 heel bolts	25
	"	"	"	setting 1 tire, 1.50; 1 helve and rounds, 75	2 25
	"	"	"	hasp, staple & hooks	2 00
	"	"	"	wedging box in cart	25
	"	11.	"	sh'p'g 10 sweeps, 3.00; 1 beam, 50c	3 50
	"	15.	"	" 2 " 60; 2 heel bolts, 1.00	1 60
	"	"	"	removing shoes from horses	50
	"	20.	"	sh'p'g 6 sweeps, 1.80; linch pins and lap-rings, 80	2 60
	"	25.	"	shoeing 1 horse before	1 25
	"	"	"	ironing 1 bolster, 1.50	1 50
	"	"	"	splicing 4 bolts, 1 hook & links	1 75
	"	"	"	making bolster	1 25
	Aug.	2.	"	sharp'g 2 sweeps, 60; making 3 p'rs hounds, 6.50	7 10
	"	"	"	iron work on 2 wagons	7 50
	"	17.	"	sharp'g 13 sweeps	3 90
	"	"	"	making 2 helves	1 00
	"	"	"	1 coupling band	1 00
	"	24.	"	3 iron wedges	3 75
	"	"	"	repairing 2 scrapers	2 75
	"	"	"	" breast chain & staple	1 50
	Sept.	18.	"	2 washers, one box, & 2 bagging needles	1 00
	"	"	"	wedging box in wagon	25
	Oct.	4.	"	16 spike nails	1 50
	"	"	"	1 keg & pin	50
	"	"	"	shoeing 2 horses before	2 50
	"	"	"	repairing wagon bed	2 00
	"	"	"	1 clip, hooks & links	75
284	1876.				
	Oct.	4th.	To	1 ax-holder & nails	1 50
	"	"	"	3 arch band' for chimneys	15 00
	"	28.	"	2 gates	7 00
	Nov.	5.	"	2 hooks for gin lever	3 00
	"	"	"	1 staple & coupling pole	1 50
	"	"	"	bushing wheel	1 00
	"	"	"	making & ironing single tree	50

"	12.	"	1 press iron	1 25
"	20.	"	branding mules	1 00
Dec.	4.	"	making d. trees	1 50
"	"	"	ironing " "	75
"	"	"	splicing bolt & lap ring	75
"	23.	"	burning lampers 4 mules	80
				$331 92
			Amount due Haynes for Lowell c. sacks	36 37
				$368 29
			One-half due by minor	$184 14

Paid Vance & Haynes.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

V. 5. *S. W. Vance et al. vs. Jas. A. Pickett et al., to Thos. N. Braden, Dr.*

1867.

To filing, ent'g, & reg't'g, &c	60
Copy petition & cit. to A. J. Pickett & heirs	2 50
" " " Jas. A. Pickett	2 50
" " " T. J. Picket	2 50
Issuing 3 citations	3 00
	$11 10

Rece'ed payment in full, this 16th day of June, A. D. 1870.
(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k.*

" 6. *S. W. Vance et al. vs. Jas. A. Pickett et al., to W. H. Hill, Sheriff.*

1867.

May	24th.	To serving petition on T. J. Picket	4 10
		Amount carried.	
285	1876.		
		Amount brought forward	4 10
June	10.	To serving pet'n on J. A. Pickett & mileage	4 10
"	"	" " " A. G. Pickett "	4 80
			$13 00

Rece'd of S. W. Vance four & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, in part payment of the above a/c.
June 16th, 1870.
(Signed) W. H. HILL.

7. *Articles purchased for Sallie Vance.*

1 pr. gaiters, 3.50; 1 pr. shoes, 2.50	6 00
1 dictionary, 75; 1 Fifth Eclectic Reader, 150	2 25
1 vial bronze, 50c	50
Quinine, squills, seltzer, paregoric, magnesia	2 65

Making over dress	2 50
2 spools black silk, ¾ yds. fine linen	1 50
1¼ yds. black alpaca & braid to trim	1 10
1 muslin dress	2 00
Making alpaca apron	50
	18 30

Paid, Miss Laura Hunter, July 19th, 1870.

8. $235.00.] BUCK HALL, *July* 16, 1870.

Rece'd of S. W. Vance the sum of two hundred and thirty-five dollars for building press and repairing running gear to gin-house, on the Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) A. W. EDWARDS.

9. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Thos. N. Braden, clerk, Dr.*

1870.			
June 17th.	To complete transcript of appointment of S. W. Vance as tutor, 2 certif. & seals		5 50
	To filing 3d annual account, issuing notice to Banner		1 60
	" filing 40 vouchers		2 00
July	15. Copying 2d ann'l %, certif. & seal		5 00
			$19 60

Paid by W. C. Vance' draft, July 18, '70.

(Signed) R. B. TAYLOR,
For T. N. BRADEN.

286 10. CAROLINE BLUFF, *Nov. 9th,* 1870.

S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, to str. D. L. Tally, Dr.

To freight on	5 bbls. pork		6 25
"	" 10 sacks salt		10 00
"	" 1 box tallow		50
"	" ½ bbl. sugar		75
			17 50

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) TANDY.

11. BELLEVUE, *Nov. 19th,* 1870.

Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor, to W. H. Scanland, Dr.

1870.			
June 6th.	To advertising 3d statement or annual % as tutor to minor S. E. Vance		3 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) W. H. SCANLAND.

12. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Nov. 10th*, 1870.

Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, to McCutchon & Co., Dr.

1870.					
June	2d.	To cash paid st'r Selma		56	80
"	"	" storage & drayage		14	00
"	9.	" cash paid Grand Era		19	05
"	"	" storage & drayage		5	00
"	14.	" cash paid st'r La Belle		1	00
"	"	" storage & drayage			50
"	"	" cash paid st'r Hornet		56	80
"	21.	" " " " "		10	25
Aug.	26.	" " " Carrie Converse			50
"	"	" storage & drayage			50
Sept.	20.	" cash paid st'r Lottawana		4	50
"	"	" storage & drayage		2	00
Nov.	10.	" interest to date		5	94
				$177	84
		By draft on H. W. Farley & Co	$177 84		
			$177 84	$177	84

287 13. BUCK HALL PLANT., *Decem.* 4, '70.

Dr. S. W. Vance to st'r Frank Morgan, Dr.

To freight on 3 bbls. cement 1 50

Paid.

(Signed) BURGOYNE CLARK.

14. $50.] BUCK HALL PLANT., *Decem.* 3d, '70.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of fifty dollars for cutting Bois D'Arc hedge on the Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) ANDREW his + mark. WILLIAMS.

" JOHN his + mark. SPENLIN.

Attest:

(Signed) P. R. GILMER.

15. BUCK HALL, *Decem. 4th*, 1870.

S. W. Vance to Steamer Southwestern, Dr.

To freight on 8 rolls bagging	10	00
Drayage		50
	$10	50

Rec'd payment,

(Signed) JOHN W. WOOD,

By F. MORGAN.

16. *S. W. Vance's expenses since Sept. 15th, 1870.*

1 p'r shoes, 3.50; stationary & envelopes, 1.65	5 15
1 do. 3.50; tickets to fair & lecture, 1.00	4 50
12 y'ds frill lining for dresses & basques	3 60
Cotton flannel	1 95
Cotton for six chemises, 3 trimmers & making	7 25
To making blue popplin & bask	4 00
" " plain worsted dress	2 00
" 6 p'rs of day drawers with bodies	4 50
" 2 " night drawers	75
" 3 underbodies	1 00
" thread, hooks, eyes, & buttons	1 25
" altering dresses	1 75
" photographs	4 00
" board, tuition, & music	84 00
	138 60

Rec'ed payment,
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

288 17. SHREVEPORT, LA., *May 31st*, 1870.

Dr. Vance bought of Conway & Buckalew:

May 25. To ½ doz. steel sweeps, 20 in. @ 28.50	14 25
Drayage	25
" " " ½ " "	14 25
" " " 1 augur, 1¾ inch	1 75
	$30 50

Paid.
(Signed) C. & B.

18. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Oct.*, 1870.

Dr. Whitt Vance bought of Conway & Buckalew:

14 feet gin band, 54c	7 56

Paid.
(Signed) C. & B.

19. *Buck Hall plantation in ℅ with C. E. Byrd.*

1871.

July 11th. 3,000 boards @ 5.00	15 00

Rec'ed payment, January 11th, 1871.
(Signed) C. E. BYRD.

20. SHREVEPORT, LA., *July 17th*, 1871.

Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall plant., bought of T. H. Morris:

1870.

Oct. 17. 1 can, 4s.; 1 gall. turpentine, 6s	1 25
" " 1 lb. lampblack	25

" " 2 brushes 50

$2 00

Jan. 7th, '71. Rec'ed payment of Dr. S. W. Vance.
(Signed) THOS. H. MORRIS.

21. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Decem. 12th*, 1870.

Dr. Whitt Vance to Conway & Buckalew, Dr.

1870.				
May	30.	To balance due merch'd'ze		30 50
June	30.	" merchandise, net cash		122 00
July	31.	" " " "		4 00
Oct.	31.	" " " "		7 56
				$164 06

(Over.)

289 Amount due C. & B. $164 06

Rece'd, January 7th, 1871, of S. W. Vance, his 15 days' draft on H. W. Farley & Co., for one hundred and sixty-four & $\frac{16}{100}$ dollars.
(Signed) CONWAY & BUCALEW.

" 22. COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, 3D DIST., STATE OF LOUISIANA,
January 21st, 1871.

Miss S. E. Vance, Buck Hall, to United States, Dr.

For internal revenue tax on income for the year 1868.
Amount, $3,728.01, at the rate of 5 % $186 40

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) M. W. B. HUTCHKINSON,
Deputy Collector.

" 23. SHREVEPORT, *Jan. 10th*, 1871.

Buck Hall plant. to Hamilton & Co., Dr.

April	9th.	1 doz. # 3 hoes	12 50
May	19.	90 # grass rope, 28c.	25 20
"		1 light h. shovel	1 75
"		Interest a/c, our fav	1 98
			$41 43

Settled by transfer to S. W. Vance a/c.
(Signed) HAMILTON & CO.,
P'r VAN CREELEN.

" 24. COOPER'S MILL, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

Mr. S. W. Vance bought of J. P. Cooper:

1870.

Nov. 11. 30 scantling, 3x4x14, 420, @ 2.00..... 8 40

Rece'd payment of above %-

(Signed) J. P. COOPER.

" 25 SHREVEPORT, LA., *Feb. 4th*, 1871.

Dr. Vance, Buck Hall plant., bought of Horan & Buckner:

½ doz. blind bridles, @ 12.00..... $6 00

Paid.

(Signed) HORAN & BUCKNER.

190 " 26. *Dr. S. W. Vance to H. W. Farley & Co., Dr.*

195 sacks corn, 401 b'ls, @ 1.52½		611 53
Drayage.....		6 40
Insurance on $680, @ 1¼ %		8 50
Commission " 2½ %		15 75
		$641 88

P'r st'r Selma.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *May 24th*, 1870.

" 27. $700.00.] BUCK HALL, *July 5th*, 1871.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of seven hundred dollars for services rendered on the Buck Hall plantation, year 1870, this July 5th, 1871.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

" 28. *S. W. Vance, for Buck Hall plant., to Vance & Haynes, Dr.*

1870.

Jan.	28.	To shoeing 1 horse	1 25
"	"	" 1 crank for grindstone	1 50
"	"	" 1 key	25
Feb.	4.	" 1 arch bar	5 00
"	10.	" laying 1 plow (P. P.).....	1 25
"	"	" pointing 1 " (H. G.).....	50
"	"	" 1 clevis "	75
"	"	" 1 pr. staples "	25
"	14.	" sharpening 2 plows (Y. L.)	50
"	"	" 2 single trees "	2 50
"	"	" 4 " " (G. G.)	5 25
"	"	" 4 lap rings, @ 2s. "	1 00
"	"	" 2 handles "	75
"	"	" 6 staples "	1 60
"	15.	" sharpening 1 plow (G. L.).....	25
"	16.	" 1 d. tree, &c. (A. W.)	4 50

	"	"	" 2 single " (B. L.)	2 50
	"	20.	" 1 set trees (A. W.)	4 50
	"	"	" clevis "	75
291	1870.			
	Feb.	20.	To sharpening 2 plows (A. W.)	50
	"	"	" 1 set of trees	4 50
	"	"	" 1 lap ring	25
	"	22.	" sharpening 1 plow (S. W.)	25
	"	"	" 2 double trees "	3 00
	"	"	" 2 single " "	2 50
	"	"	" 1 lap ring (C. L.)	25
	"	"	" sharpening 1 plow (B. L.)	25
	"	"	" 2 handles & rounds "	1 00
	"	"	" 2 lap rings "	50
	"	"	" hame hook & chain links	1 00
	M'ch	2.	" repairing 1 buggy	2 00
	"	3.	" sharpening one plow (G. G.)	25
	"	"	" " " " (S. C.)	25
	"	7.	" 1 pr. tongues (L. O.)	2 00
	"	"	" sharp'g 1 plow	25
	"	"	" burning lampers, 5 mules	1 25
	"	"	" one key	25
	"	8.	" 1 clevis	75
	"	"	" 3 stocks, 12*s*	4 50
	"	"	" 2 rods & 4 staples	3 50
	"	15.	" 1 plow stock	1 50
	"	"	" pointing one plow	50
	"	"	" sh'p'g 2 plows	50
	"	17.	" pointing 1 plow	50
	"	"	" 2 single trees & lap rings	2 50
	"	"	" 2 chain links	25
	"	20.	" 1 double tree	1 50
	"	"	" sharpening 1 plow	25
	"	"	" 4 clamps	2 00
	"	21.	" 1 hasp & clasp	1 50
	"	"	" 1 pr. hooks	1 00
	"	"	" 1 lock	1 00
292	1870.			
	March	21.	To repairing hames	2 00
	"	"	" 1 pr. staples	50
	"	23.	" harrow teeth	62
	"	"	" 2 links	25
	"	"	" arch bar, 76 lbs, @ 15c	11 40
	Apr.	1.	" 1 harrow	2 50
	"	"	" sharpening teeth	75
	"	"	" 1 band	75
	"	"	" round & handles	1 00
	"	7.	" shoeing horse	1 25
	"	"	" 4 staples	50
	"	15.	" sharpening plow & heel bolts	1 00
	"	"	" laying 1 plow	1 25

"	"	"	1 beam & handle	1 00
"	"	"	rod, heel bolt, &c	1 00
"	"	"	plow stock	1 25
"	"	"	1 staple, setting hoe, &c	37
"	"	"	setting 3 hoes	30
"	19.	"	2 shovels, 2.50; 2 bull tongues	5 00
"	"	"	1 stock	1 25
"	"	"	repairing 3 stocks	75
"	"	"	2 shovels	2 50
"	"	"	2 bull tongues & 1 shovel	2 75
"	"	"	repairing 1 plow	50
"	"	"	3 rods	2 25
"	22.	"	2 bull tongues & 1 shovel	4 50
"	"	"	3 heel bolts	1 50
"	"	"	1 rod, tap, & staple	1 00
"	"	"	1 plow stock	1 50
"	"	"	1 shovel & stock	3 75
"	"	"	rod, staple, & heel bolt	1 00
"	"	"	1 stock	1 25
"	"	"	2 clevises	1 50
293	1870.			
April	22d.	To	1 shovel	1 50
"	"	"	1 clip	52
"	"	"	1 bull-tongue	1 50
"	"	"	1 rod, heel-bolt, & staple	1 50
"	"	"	1 stock setting hoes	1 75
May	2d.	"	sharp'g 1 scrape	30
"	4.	"	1 p'r hinges	1 50
"	"	"	laying & sharpening 1 plow	1 50
"	"	"	sharpening scrape & taps	60
"	"	"	1 p'r staples & stock	1 50
"	"	"	3 handles, 1 round, & staples	1 00
"	"	"	pointing 3 plows & 1 scraper	1 30
"	"	"	sharp'g 2 scrapes & 2 taps	1 00
"	"	"	" 1 plow	25
"	"	"	pointing & laying plows	2 25
"	"	"	sharp'g 3 scrapes, &c	1 25
"	"	"	2 handles	50
"	"	"	sharp'g 1 plow and setting 1 hoe	35
"	"	"	1 stock	1 50
"	"	"	2 handles & sharp'g 8 scrapers	1 00
"	12.	"	3 staples	25
"	16.	"	sharpening 2 plows	50
"	"	"	2 staples & clamp for flat	2 00
"	"	"	repairing cart	12 50
"	19.	"	laying 3 plows	2 25
"	"	"	sharpening 3 "	75
"	"	"	" 2 "	50
"	23.	"	" 3 sweeps, 30c	90
"	"	"	" 9 plows	2 25
"	"	"	" 2 sweeps	60

	"	"	"	1 heel bolt	50
	"	"	"	1 rod	75
	"	"	"	staples	25
294	1870.				
	May	23d.	To	two stocks	3 00
	"	25.	"	sharp'g 1 plow	25
	"	"	"	1 rod & 1 p'r staples	1 00
	"	"	"	shoeing 1 horse	1 25
	"	27.	"	sharp'g 4 plows	1 00
	"	"	"	pointing 1 plow	50
	"	"	"	sharp'g 2 "	50
	June	3.	"	" 2 sweeps	60
	"	"	"	1 rod & staple	1 00
	"	"	"	1 stock	1 50
	"	"	"	1 large hinge, 10 lbs, @ 2s	2 50
	"	8.	"	sharp'g 4 sweeps, @ 30c	1 20
	"	10.	"	1 p'r hounds	2 50
	"	"	"	1 bolster	1 50
	"	"	"	repairing wagon	3 00
	"	"	"	cart spindle	2 50
	"	"	"	repairing 1 lock	25
	"	"	"	1 hook	25
	"	13.	"	1 plow stock	1 50
	"	"	"	1 rod	75
	"	"	"	1 p'r staples	25
	"	15.	"	sharp'g 5 plows	1 25
	"	"	"	" 7 "	1 75
	"	17.	"	1 sweep, 16 lbs, @ 2s	4 00
	"	"	"	repairing 1 sweep	30
	"	"	"	" 2 plows	50
	"	"	"	1 stock	1 50
	"	"	"	sharpening 3 sweeps	85
	"	22.	"	" 1 plow	25
	"	"	"	1 heel bolt	50
	"	"	"	1 " " & tap	75
	"	"	"	1 p'r staples	25
	"	"	"	1 stock	1 50
295	1870.				
	June	22d.	To	2 single trees	2 50
	"	"	"	1 lap ring	25
	"	"	"	4 standards	1 00
	"	24.	"	sharpening 3 plows	75
	"	"	"	pointing 1 "	50
	July	1.	"	12 bolts, 4s	6 00
	"	"	"	8 " 4s	4 00
	"	"	"	repairing 2 bolts	50
	"	"	"	1 washer	50
	"	"	"	1 key	75
	"	"	"	upsetting pin	75
	"	"	"	cutting 2 rods	50
	"	"	"	2 plates & nails	60

	"	"	"	trimming 1 plate	1 00
	"	"	"	sharpening & setting 1 sweep	50
	"	4.	"	" " 1 "	30
	"	6.	"	" " 1 "	50
	"	"	"	" 2 sweeps	60
	"	"	"	2 p'rs staples	50
	"	"	"	1 heel bolt	50
	"	"	"	pointing 1 sweep	50
	"	"	"	laying 1 plow	1 25
	"	"	"	sharpening 1 sweep	30
	"	"	"	" 1 plow	25
	"	"	"	repairing 1 bolt	15
	"	"	"	cutting 2 grudgeons	1 00
	"	8.	"	sharpening two plows	50
	"	"	"	1 p'r staples	25
	"	"	"	repairing 1 tap	15
	"	"	"	stock, 1.50; rod, 75	2 25
	"	"	"	1 p'r staples & clevis pin	40
	"	11.	"	1 grudgeon	1 50
	"	"	"	2 bands	1 00
296	1870.				
	July	13th.	To	sharpening 3 plows	90
	"	"	"	1 p'r staples	25
	"	"	"	1 " handles	50
	"	"	"	1 block	15
	"	20.	"	1 tire, 70 lbs., @ 1s	8 75
	"	"	"	1 stamp & clamp	2 00
	"	"	"	cutting 3 taps	50
	"	"	"	" 1 stamp	50
	"	"	"	3 fellows, @ 4s	1 50
	"	"	"	4 spokes, @ 35c	1 40
	"	29.	"	2 hooks, @ 4s	1 00
	"	"	"	2 links, @	30
	"	"	"	splicing 1 pin	25
	"	"	"	3 fellows, @ 4s	1 50
	"	"	"	2 spokes, @ 30c	60
	"	"	"	cutting & shrinking tire	1 50
	"	"	"	1 bolster	1 50
	"	"	"	1 p'r hounds	2 50
	"	"	"	1 axle bed	1 50
	"	"	"	sharpening 4 sweeps	1 20
	"	"	"	burning lampers, mule	25
	Aug.	19.	"	1 plow stock	1 50
	Sept.	5.	"	1 double-tree	75
	"	"	"	1 slider	50
	"	17.	"	repairing wagon	28 50
	"	"	"	2 sliders	1 50
	"	"	"	standards	1 00
	"	"	"	1 tap	25
	"	"	"	stretching 1 tap	25
	"	"	"	1 doz. nails	30

	"	"	" 2 tugs & rings	1 25
	"	"	"-1 p'r single trees	50
	"	"	" repairing wagon tongue	50
297	1870.			
	Sept. 17th.	To	1 large hook	50
	" 30.	"	shoeing horse	1 25
	" "	"	strapping saddle	1 50
	" "	"	repairing 1 lock	50
	Oct. 14.	"	" 2 clamps	1 00
	" "	"	2 lap rings	50
	" "	"	repairing hooks	50
	" "	"	2 chain links	30
	" "	"	repairing bits	50
	" "	"	" 1 punch	25
	" 19.	"	shoeing 1 horse	1 25
	Nov. 8.	"	1 p'r hames	1 50
	" 21.	"	repairing 5 lb. chain	1 25
	" "	"	pully	1 50
	" "	"	2 lap rings	50
	" "	"	1 chain & staple	75
	" "	"	repairing cart	3 00
	" "	"	breast chains	1 50
	Dec. 5.	"	1 p'r hooks	30
	" "	"	5 p'r hooks	6 75
	" "	"	2 hasps	2 00
	" "	"	mending clamp	50
	" "	"	hook & staples	50
	" 20.	"	ironing 2 wagon beds	24 00
	Jan. 17.	"	1 p'r staples & 2 bolts	1 25
	" 20.	"	2 bolts, 4 taps, & 1 slider	3 00
	Feb. 10.	"	sh'p'g 1 plow, 25; laying 3 do., 3.00	3 25
	" "	"	laying 6 plows, 6.00; sh'p'g 5 do., $1.25	7 25
	" "	"	2 double-trees	3 00
				388 24

Rec'd payment. July 14th, 1871.
(Signed) VANCE & HAYNES (in liquidation),
Per ZIEGLER.

298 29. *S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, to steamer Fleta, Dr.*

1871.
July 17. To freight, as shown by bill of lading—
On 5 rolls bagging
" 20 b'dles alligator ties } $9 37

Paid.
(Signed) BRUNER.

30. Rece'd of S. W. Vance forty-five dollars in payment of the season of three mares.
(Signed) T. M. ABNEY.

31. *Dr. S. W. Vance for Buck Hall, Red River, to H. W. Farley & Co.*

10 rolls bagging, 1,000 y'ds, @ 30c	300 00
30 b'dles alligator ties, 2,215, @ 6c	132 00
1 bale twine, 60, @ 21	12 60
Insurance on 490, @ 1%	4 90
Commission 2½ %	11 17
Total	$462 77

32. *Dr. S. W. Vance, Dr., to L. A. Hunter.*

For music, music-book (Element of Music)	2 25
" cartman for taking trunks to G. Erose	1 25
	$3 50

Rece'd payment, Feb'y 14th, 1871.
(Signed) L. A. HUNTER.

33. $23.00.] BUCK HALL, *Nov.* 26th, 1870.
Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of twenty-three dollars for boards, 5,600 @ $5 per thousand, for the Buck Hall plantation.
(Signed) L. S. WALKER.

34. *S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, to W. R. Prather, Dr.*

June 23.	To 2,404 feet lumber		48 08
July "	" 80 " , 250 r. e. fence		1 60
Nov. 9.	" 312 feet, 400 r. edge, 6.24; 3.00 per 1,000 r. e., 6.98		12 22
" 11.	" 372 feet, 7.44 & 17.50		24 94
			87 00

Rec'd paym't, draft on G. W. Sentell Co.
(S'g) W. R. PRATHER.

299 V. 35. $200.00.] Received from S. W. Vance the sum of two hundred dollars for building stable, seed house, &c., at Buck Hall plantation, in Novem., 1870, this April 3d, 1871.

(Signed) FRANK his + mark. WARD.
(") ISAM his + mark. GOODLETT.

V. 36. Sarah E. Vance, minor, due S. W. Vance, for amount paid Gabe Gilmer for feeding—

Mules year 1868	$100 00
" " 1869	$125 00
" " 1870	$125 00
	$350 00

Rece'd from S. W. Vance the sum of three hundred & fifty dollars.
(Signed) GABE his + mark. GILMER.
Attest: A. L. CHAPMAN.

37. STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Caddo:

Parish and State taxes for 1870. *July 3d,* 1871.

Received of Miss S. E. Vance, S. W. Vance, agent, the sum of nineteen dollars and fifteen cents, amount of State & parish taxes for the year 1870, on the property, &c., described on the reverse hereof, in accordance with law.
$29.50.] (Signed) GEO. L. SMITH,
State Collector, Parish of Caddo.

38. *S. W. Vance, Buck Hall, to H. W. Farley & Co., Dr.*

To 50 s'cks corn, 107.3 bls., @ 115c	123 12
Drayage to st'r	1 60
Insurance on $1.40, @ 1¼ %	1 75
Commission, @ 2½ %	3 12
	$129 59

Pr. steamer Jefferson.
NEW ORLEANS, *January* 24, '70.

300 39. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *July 16th,* 1870.
Received of Miss S. E. Vance, minor, ninety-five & 41/100 dollars in full for parish taxes for 1869.
(Signed) L. C. RASBERRY,
Collector.

40. COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, 3D DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
January 21st, 1871.

To United States, Dr. For internal revenue.

Miss S. E. Vance, Buck Hall, tax on income, year 1869:
Amount, 4,565.33, at 5 per cent $228 74

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) M. W. B. HUTCHINS,
Dep'ty Collector.

41. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

State taxes for 1869. *July 16th,* 1870

Received from Miss S. E. Vance, minor, the sum of two hundred & sixty-seven dollars and twelve cents, amount of State taxes for the year 1869, on the property, &c., as described on the reverse hereof, in accordance with law, $267.12.
(Signed) L. C. RASBERRY,
State Collector of Bossier Parish.

The above petition and account, filed in evidence, and marked L, and the vouchers supporting same filed in evidence and marked D, Oct. 22d, 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k. D. C.

Bill of exceptions.

Counsel for opponents (S. E. Vance & husband) objected to the introduction of the account marked 3d annual, being introduced in evidence, for the following reasons:

1st. Because it formed no part of the account rendered by the
301 e'x'x S. E. Vance, under the order of court.

2d. Because it contained new matter, of which the opponent had no knowledge.

3d. Because opponents has had no opportunity of filing an opposition to same & vouchers therein mentioned and D above (being 1 to 41); and further, that said account should have been filed as an amended account and an opportunity given the opponents to file their objection to the same; which objections were by the court overruled for the following reasons: Because the vouchers on the account had already been introduced in evidence, and the opposition applied to them, and there being no homologation of the account, it could not prejudice the opponents.

Testimony of R. W. Vance.

R. W. VANCE, sworn, says (on part of exe'c'trix): He knew Mrs. Mary B. Vance, the first wife of S. W. Vance; has often seen her write and sign her name; cannot say positively that the document now presented him is in the handwriting of her, Mary B. Vance; has no idea in whose writing this document is in.

X-ex'd (by opponents, S. E. Vance & husband):

Witness is the brother of Dr. S. W. Vance, who was the former tutor of S. E. Vance, the opponent. S. W. Vance came to the State of Louisiana in the year 1852. He was a doctor of medicine. If he, S. W. Vance,
brought any property with him when he came to Louisiana it was
302 in money. Witness does not know how much he brought, but it was not much, witness thinks. When S. W. Vance came to La. he settled at Benton, Bossier P'h, and commenced the practice of medicine. He married Mary B. Gilmer, daughter of James B. Gilmer, in 1853 or 1854. Cannot say that Dr. S. W. Vance, after his marriage, continued to practice medicine. J. B. Gilmer was a very wealthy planter. Witness thinks he died in the year 1856. He, J. B. Gilmer, left three children, daughters, viz, Mary B., who married Dr. S. W. Vance; Mattie G., who married P. V. O'Neil; & Eliza L., who married R. Y. Graves. When witness came to Bossier Parish, which was in the year 1857, S. W. Vance was then living on the Buck Hall plantation, Bossier Parish. At that time Buck Hall was the property of J. B. Gilmer, father of Mary B. Vance, but it was afterwards allotted to Mary B. Gilmer, wife of S. W. Vance, in a partition of her father's succession. Buck Hall is situated on Red River, Bossier Parish, and is considered to contain seven or eight hundred acres.

In the year 1857 Buck Hall plantation was well improved. To best of witness' knowledge Mary B. Vance, first wife of S. W. Vance, died in 1858—cannot say for certain. Does not recollect in what year S. W. Vance married his second wife, but it was in the first years of the war. After death of Mary B. Vance, S. W. Vance lived on Plaindealing plant., in Bossier Parish, but he cultivated Buck Hall plantation. Plaindealing plantation is situated in Bossier Parish, and contains about 1,000 acres of land or more.

303 S. W. Vance cultivated Buck Hall place during the war, and Plaindealing plantation after the death of George Gilmer. S. W. Vance continued to cultivate Buck Hall plantation from the time of the death of his first wife, Mary B. Vance, up to the time of his own death, which was May, 1877. During all of this time, from death, of his first wife to his own death, he raised crops of corn & cotton. Does not know the average annual crops of cotton raised on Buck Hall plantation during the time last mentioned. Does not know number of hands worked on Buck Hall pl't. during the time last mentioned. S. W. Vance raised some cotton on Buck Hall every year during the war, with exception of probably one, when there was an overflow; but cannot say positively that he did not raise any that year. Does not know the amount of cotton he raised in any one year. S. W. Vance sold some cotton during the war and received Confederate money for it. Does not know how much he sold. He, S. W. Vance, had cotton on hand at the close of the war in seed; but cannot say whether or not he had any in bales. S. W. Vance after war made a shipment of cotton to Liverpool. He told witness after the war that he (S. W. Vance) had $75,000 in geenbacks & specie. Did not tell witness how he obtained it; but he had no other way of obtaining that amount of money, only from the sale of his cotton crops. S. W. Vance was not at that time, nor had he been, speculating. Buck Hall is situated on Red River,

304 Bossier Parish, and is considered a very valuable plantation for cotton raising, and is as valuable as the place situated immediately above it and formerly owned by J. W. Vance, and now by W. C. Vance.

Witness ex'd by G. W. SENTELL & Co., intervenors:

Plaindealing is a hill place, and there was about 700 acres of it opened land. Now there is but a small portion of it in cultivation. From the end of the war up to his death S. W. Vance made small crops on this place; he left it after the war. Does not know how much money S. W. Vance brought with him when he came to Louisiana; does not suppose that he brought more than $1,000. Mary B. Vance left at her death 2 children, one of them, J. B. G. Vance, died some time after his mother, and was some five or six years of age when he died. S. W. Vance made levees on Buck Hall, but does not know what they cost him.

Re-examined by Ex'x:

S. W. Vance, not more than twelve months after the war, told witness that he had $75,000 in actual money.

Deposition, taken under commission by G. W. Townsend, esq'r, of Frank Gilmer, Charles T. Pollard, Josiah Morris, S. D. Hubbard, sr., S. D. Hubbard, jr., Lewis Owen, T. H. Watts, D. S. Troy, & J. W. Watts, all filed and marked M.

(Opponents S. E. Vance et als., objected to all hearsay testimony contained therein; which objection was sustained by the court.)

305 *Commission.*

Bossier P'h court, Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EX'X OF S. W. VANCE, D'CE'D. } No. 15. Probate docket.

To George W. Townsend, esq'r, Montgomery, Ala.:

You are hereby notified that his hon. B. F. Foot, appointed you special commissioner on 5th day of July, 1878, to take testimony of witnesses hereafter named:

Therefore, know ye, that we, reposing confidence in your, George W. Townsend's, prudence and fidelity, do by these present' give unto you authority diligently to examine Frank Gilmer, Ch's F. Pollard, Josiah Morris, Sam'l D. Hubbard, jr., Sam. D. Hubbard, sr., Lewis Owen, Thos. H. Watts, Dan. S. Troy, & John W. Watts, all of the city of Montgomery, State of Alabama, as well on part of defendants as plaintiffs in the above-entitled suit, wherein Sarah E. Vance et al. are pl'ffs, and Sarah E. Vance, executrix of S. W. Vance, dec'd, is defendant. Witnesses mentioned above and in accompanying interrogatories.

Now, we desire you at certain times & places, by you to be appointed for that purpose, you cause said witnesses to come before you; that you then and there examine them apart, upon their respective oaths first taken before you upon the Holy Evangelist; that you reduce their examinations to writing, and cause them, the witnesses, to sign the same; and when you shall have taken them, so that you send the same, with this commission and accompanying interrogatories, closed up under your seal,
306 to us on or before the first Monday, 2d day of Sept., A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Clerk D't Court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Interrogatories.

Bossier Parish court, La.

SARAH E. VANCE ET ALS.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EX'X OF S. W. VANCE, D'CE'D. } No. 15. Probate docket.

Interrogatories to be propounded to Frank Gilmer, a resident of the city of Montgomery, State of Alabama, whose answers thereto, when taken and reduced to writing, are to be used as evidence on part of defendant on trial of above-stated case.

Interrogatory 1st. Do you know the parties to this suit, or either of them, and did you know S. W. Vance, d'ce'd, late of Bossier Parish, La., and Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, formerly of Montgomery Co., Alabama, in their lifetimes?

Int'g. 2d. Were you in any way connected with the settlement of the succession or estate of P. R. Gilmer, dec'd? If yea, how?

Int'g'y 3d. Do you know of any notes, bonds, or stocks received by S. W. Vance from estate of P. R. Gilmer? If yea, what notes, stocks, or bonds was so received by said Vance from said estate, in what capacity or for whom did Vance receive them, & when and what amount, and
307 of what value were said notes, stocks, or bonds at the date so received by said Vance?

Int'r'g'y 4th. Do you know anything of a note for nine thousand & forty-five & $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars made by Mrs. M. A. Gilmer, due Dec. 18th, 1862, withi nterest from the 18th Decem., 1861? If yea, did S. W. Vance receive such note from estate of P. R. Gilmer? Was it ever paid or satisfied, and to whom & when; and how, if in property, then in what property, & who now has title to or control said property?

Interrogatory 5th. Do you know anything, and what, of the following notes: One made by E. F. Fair, due January 2d, 1859, for $1,166.40; one made by W. J. Fuller and Allen E. Fuller, due Jan. 20, '61, for $472.12; two notes made by Thos. Williams, each for the sum of $666.67, payable in January, 1860 & 1861, and one note made by S. J. Carraway, due March 2d, 1860, for $500.00. If yea, state the condition as to solvency of makers of said notes or either of them, at date of death of P. R. Gilmer, or at date at which S. W. Vance received them from estate of P. R. Gilmer, dece'd, if in your knowledge.

Interrogatory 5th. Do you know how much money S. W. Vance collected from notes, stocks, or bonds received by him from estate of P. R. Gilmer, deceased? If yea, state the amount as definitely as you can, and at what date or dates the amount or amounts was received by said Vance.

308 Interrogatory 6th. State any other facts in your knowledge as to the solvency or value of any choses in action received by S. W. Vance from the succession of P. R. Gilmer, dec'd, as specifically as if interrogated as to each separate item.

(Signed) J. N. SNIDER,
Att'y for succession of S. W. Vance, dec'd.

Service of the foregoing interrogatories accepted, and the following cross-interrogatories propounded to the witness named:

Int'g'y 1st. State what personal property S. W. Vance, as guardian of his minor children, received in Alabama, and removed to Louisiana; state the number of mules, wagons, gear, &c., and state their value; state the number of slaves said guardian received in Alabama and removed to Louisiana.

2d. State the amount of money the said guardian received in the State of Alabama.

3d. State when the said guardian received said slaves and what their hire was reasonably worth per annum.

4th. State the quantity of land that the minor children of S. W. Vance received under the will of Peachy R. Gilmer; the number of acres in cultivation, and what would have been a reasonable rent per annum for said land, and state when said land came into the possession or under the control of said guardian.

309 Interrogatory 5th. State any other facts that may be in your

knowledge which may be of interest to the minor heirs of S. W. Vance touching the property, rights, and credits that said minor heirs were entitled to in the distribution of the estate of P. R. Gilmer, as if specially interrogated thereto.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR,
Att'ys for S. E. Vance & Husband.

Bossier parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EXE'TR'X OF S. W. VANCE, d'ce'd.
No. 15. Probate docket.

Interrogatories to be propounded to Ch's. T. Pollard, Josiah Morris, Samu'l D. Hubbard, sr., Sam'l D. Hubbard, jr., and Lewis Owen, residents of the city of Montgomery, State of Alabama, whose answers thereto, when taken and reduced to writing, are to be used as evidence on part of the defendant on trial of the above stated case.

Interrogatory 1st. What do you know of the solvency of the following corporations on or about the 10th day of April, 1862, viz: Montgomery Insurance Co., Montgomery Mining Co., Ala. & Florida R. R. Co., Montgomery & Eufola R. R. Co., and Montgomery & West Point Railroad Company? What was the par value of stocks in each of said companies in spring of 1862, and what was market value at that time?

Int'g'y 2d. If in answer to interrogatory 1st you shall affix any
310 value to said stocks, or either of them in 1861, then state in what currency or money you reckon such value.

Inter'g'y 3d. What has been the value of said stocks, or either of them, in United States currency or coin since the summer of 1865? In which year from 1865 to 1875 have said stocks been most valuable, and what was the highest market price that could have been obtained for them, or either of them, during the time last mentioned, and what is the value of each now?

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for S. E. Vance, ex'tr'x.

Service of the foregoing interrogatories accepted, and the following cross-interrogatories propounded to each of the witnesses:

1st. State what personal property S. W. Vance, as guardian of his minor children, received in Alabama and removed to Louisiana; state the number of mules, wagons, gear, &c., and their value; state the number of slaves said guardian received in Alabama and removed to Louisiana.

2d. State the amount of money he received in Alabama.

3d. State when he received said slaves, and what their hire was reasonably worth per annum.

4th. State the quantity of land the minor children of S. W. Vance received under the will of Peachy R. Gilmer, of Alabama, the number of acres in cultivation, and what would have been a reasonable rent
311 per annum for said land, and state when said land came into the possession or under the control of said guardian.

5th. State any other facts that may be in your knowledge that may of interest to the minor heirs of S. W. Vance, touching the property rights and credits that said minor heirs were entitled to, in the distribution of the estate of P. R. Gilmer as if specifically interrogated.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR,
Att'ys of S. E. Vance & Husband.

Bossier parish court, Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX OF S. W. VANCE, deceased. } No. 15. Probate court.

Interrogatories to be propounded to Thomas H. Watts, Daniel S. Troy, and John W. Watts, of the city of Montgomery, State of Alabama, whose answers thereto, when taken and reduced to writing, are to be used as evidence on part of the defendant on trial of the above stated case.

Interrogatory 1st. Did you know S. W. Vance in his life time, or did you, under firm name of Watts and Troy, act as his attorneys, either for his individual interest or for him in his capacity of tutor to his daughter, Sallie E?

Interrogatory 2d. If you shall say, in answer to 1st interrogatory, that you were at any time agents or attorneys for S. W. Vance, then
312 state what business was confided to you by him; what claims, if any, were placed in your hands; for what purpose; what did you do with them and each of them; where are they now? What amount of money, if any, did you collect and pay over to said S. W. Vance, and at what date and on what claims, or note, or bond, or stocks, & were such funds paid to said Vance individually or as tutor to S. E. Vance? Please give a statement or bill of particulars of all your transactions as agents or attorneys of said Vance, showing claims in your hands in his favor, amounts collected on same, dates of collection, when paid to him, and in what capacity he received them, as tutor or for himself?

Interrogatory 3d. Do you know anything, and what, of a note made by Mrs. M. A. Gilmer, due Dec. 18th, 1862, with interest from Decem. 18th, 1861, for the sum of nine thousand & forty-five & $83\frac{1}{8}$ dollars? Was said note ever in possession of said S. W. Vance, or of you, or either of you, or of your law firm, as agents or attorneys of S. W. Vance? If yea, was said note paid or satisfied, and to whom, and when, and how; in money or property; if in property, what property was given for it; who made the settlement, and why was it made as made; who now controls said property taken for said note, if any was taken? state all about the transaction in which the said note was satisfied as fully as if speci-
313 fically interrogated relative to each point*ed* connected therewith.

Interrogatory 4th. What do you know about a note of E. Y. Fair for sum of one thousand one hundred and sixty-six & $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars? Was said note ever in possession of said S. W. Vance, or of you, or either of you, or your law firm, as agents or attorneys for said Vance? From whom did said Vance receive said note, and in what capacity did he receive it?

Were any credits on it when it came into his possession, or into your possession as his agents or attorneys? What amount, if any, was paid to you and by you to said Vance on said note? If you paid to Vance no sum on it, why did'nt you pay it? Was any sum collected on it by you or said Vance, and how much? State fully all you know about said notes.

Interrogatory 5th. Do you know anything of a certain note made by W. J. Fuller and Allen E. Fuller, due January 20th, 1861, for four hundred & seventy-two & $\frac{12}{100}$ dollars? If yea, state all you know about the same as asked relative to note in 4th interrogatory. Do you know said parties Fuller? If yea, how long have you known them? What was the pecuniary condition of said parties (makers of said note) at date said note became due, or at date it was received by S. W. Vance? Did said Vance ever receive any sum on said note from the makers thereof in person, or through you as his attorneys, and if yea, how much, and all particulars as time and amount or amounts paid?

314 Interrogatory 6th. Do you know anything of the following notes, viz: One on Thomas Williams, due January 1st, 1869, and one on same party due January 1st, 1860, each for the sum of six hundred & sixty-six & $\frac{67}{100}$ doll's, and also another note made by S. J. Caraway, due March 2d, 1860, for five hundred dollars? If yea, answer as to each of said notes, the questions asked as to notes in interrogatory 5th specifically, so far as said interrogatories apply to said notes or either of them as to your knowledge relative to same.

Interrogatory 7th. Do you know anything, and what, relative to a note made by Wm. H. Wilkinson, due 14th July, 1860, for two thousand & fifty dollars? Was said note ever in your hands, or of either of you, or of your law firm of Watts & Troy? If yea, from whom did you receive it? What credits were on it when you received it, if any? What amount, if any, did you collect on it? When did you collect it and to whom did you pay it, and when and what amount? Append statement of settlement of said note, with maker, amounts paid to S. W. Vance, and dates, &c.

Interrogatory 8th. To whom were each or all of the notes about which you have been interrogated in foregoing interrogatories payable on their face? From whom did S. W. Vance receive them and under what title?

315 Interrogatory 9th. Did you know Peachy R. Gilmer, dec'd, late of your county; if yea, when did he depart this life, and what assets belong to his estate, to your knowledge, passed into the possession of S. W. Vance, or to you, or either of you, or to Watts & Troy, as agents of said Vance? What was the condition of those assets as to solvency, at date of said P. R. Gilmer's death or subsequently? What amount did said Vance, or you, or either of you, as his agents or attorneys, collect on same? What sum in the aggregate did you pay to S. W. Vance, & what disposition has been made of those uncollected, and in whose possession are they now? What are they? If in your possession, for whom do you now hold them? Append list of remainder of said assets, if any, now in your possession, or that of either or any of you, & for whose account you have them, and who controls them?

Interrogatory 10th. Did or not, S. W. Vance ever place in the hands of either of you, or in the hands of Watts & Troy any stocks in the fol-

lowing corporations, viz, Montgomery Insurance Company, Montgomery Mining Company, Alabama and Florida Railroad Co., Montgomery and Eufola Railroad Company, or Montgomery and West Point Railroad Company? If yea, what was the face value of the stocks in each of those corporations at the time you received them from said Vance, or
316 any of them? Did you sell or otherwise dispose of any of them on account of said S. W. Vance? If yea, for what sum for each, and what sum did you pay to said Vance on % of your agency for him in selling said notes, or either of them?

Interrogatory 11th. Are any of the stock mentioned in the preceding interrogatory now in your possession or in possession of either of you? If yea, who controls them, and for whom do you now hold them?

Interrogatory 12. What was the value of the stock mentioned in interrogatory 10th at the time they were placed in the hands of either of you, or Watts & Troy, and what has been their value since, and what is their value now?

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER.
Att'y for S. E. Vance, Ex'x of S. W. Vance.

Service of the foregoing interrogatories accepted, and the following cross-interrogatories propounded to each of the witnesses:

1st. State what property S. W. Vance, as guardian of his minor children, received in Alabama and removed to Louisiana.

2d. State the number of mules, wagons, gear, &c., &c., and state their value. State the number of slaves said guardian received in Alabama and removed to Louisiana. State the amount of money the said guardian received in the State of Alabama.

3d. State when the said guardian received the said slaves, and
317 what their hire was reasonably worth p'r annum.

4th. State the quantity of land the minor children of S. W. Vance received under the will of Peachy R. Gilmer, of Alabama, the number of acres in cultivation, and what would have been a reasonable rent per annum for said land came into the possession or under the control of said guardian.

5th. State any other facts that may be in your knowledge that may be to the interest of the minor heirs of S. W. Vance, touching the property, rights, and credits that said minor heirs were entitled to in the distribution of the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, as if specially interrogated thereto.

(Signed) LAUD & TAYLOR,
Att'ys for Mrs. S. E. Vance & husband.

(E'd'd:) Rec'd and filed Sept. 21st, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Answers to interrogatories.

Now comes witness F. M. GILMER, and to first interrogatory saith:

I know Mrs. Sarah E. Vance, and did know Dr. S. W. Vance, late of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and Peachy R. Gilmer, formerly of Montgomery County, Alabama.

2d. I was connected with the settlement of the estate of P. R. Gilmer, dec'd. I was coexecutor under the will of said P. R. Gilmer.

3d. I do know of certain notes, bonds, and stocks received by S.
318 W. Vance for account of J. B. Vance and Sallie Vance, children of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, from estate of P. R. Gilmer:

Dec. 18, '61. Mrs. M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer, and M. L. Gilmer, note due Decem. 18, 1862	$9,045 83⅓
June 3d, '59. Dr. S. W. Vance; note & int. due December 18th, 1861	$6,172 22
July 14th, '61. W. H. Wilkinson, note & int. due Dec. 18, '61	2,231 11
" " E. G. Fair, " " " "	1,178 89
March 1, '61. S. S. Caraway " " " "	572 67
June 23, '55. Thos. Williams " " " "	910 34
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May 19, '58. W. J. Fuller & Bros. " " "	506 74
10 shares Montgomery Ins. Co. stock	1,000 00
2 bonds " mining "	1,000 00
Coupons due on same	333 33⅓
Alabama & Florida R. R'd stock	833 33⅓
Montgomery & Eufola R. R'd "	166 66
Part proceeds of 85 b. c. of $3,000	1,000 00
Montgomery & West Point R. R'd stock	3,583 33
⅓ value of ½ of mules & horses	945 67
	$30,391 67

All of which securities were considered worth par in currency at the date of settlement, say about January, 1862.

4th. I do know about a note of nine thousand and forty-five & 83⅓ dollars, made by Mrs. M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer, & M. L. Gilmer, due Dec. 18th, 1861. Dr. S. W. Vance received said from the estate of P. R. Gilmer, as per answer in 3d interrogatory. Said note (with two others of like amounts) was satisfied by deed executed by Mrs. M. A. Gilmer & myself to the heirs of Mary B. Vance, for thirty-three
319 hundred and fifty acres of land purchased by Mrs. M. A. Gilmer of the estate of P. R. Gilmer, and for which said notes, and 3 others of like amount, were given by her in payment of said lands. I do not know who controls said lands.

5th. I do not know anything of the following notes: One made by E. Y. Fair, and due Jan. 2d, '59, for $1,166.40; one made by W. J. Fuller & Allen Fuller, due Jan. 20th, 1861, for $472.12; two notes, each for $666.61, payable in July, 1860 & 1861, made by Thomas Williams, one note made by S. S. Caraway, due March 2d, 1860, for $500.00, all of said notes, at the death of P. R. Gilmer, or at the date received by S. W. Vance, were considered solvent. I do not know how much money S. W. Vance collected from said notes, stocks, or bonds received from the estate of P. R. Gilmer, dec'd.

6th. I do not know anything of the solvency of said securities at the close of the war, but believe they were all insolvent, and nothing could be made out of them, except by compromises, and, consequently, best collections were made by accepting first offers. I know of no other facts in relation to the solvency of the choses in action, received by S. W. Vance from the succession of P. R. Gilmer, deceased.

To X-interrogatories witness answers that he knows nothing whatever.

(Signed) F. M. GILMER.

320 Bossier Parish court, Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EXE'T'X OF S. W. VANCE, deceased.
} No. 15. Probate docket.

Depositions of Frank Gilmer, Ch's T. Pollard, Josiah Morris, Sam'l D. Hubbard, jr., Sam'l D. Hubbard, sr., Lewis Owen, Thos. H. Watts, Dan'l S. Troy, John W. Watts, all of Montgomery, and witnesses sworn according to law, and examined under and by virtue of a commission issued out of the district court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, the same being issued by the Hon. B. F. Foot on the 5th day of July, 1878, in cause therein *judging*, wherein S. E. Vance et al. are plaintiffs and Sarah E. Vance, executrix of S. W. Vance, deceased, is defendant.

Now aforementioned being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, doth depose and say as follows:

To the 1st interrogatory. The above named witness, JNO. W. WATTS, says that he does not remember that he was ever personally acquainted with S. W. Vance; that he was in the office, and the junior member of the firm of Watts & Troy during the time said Vance had various matters of business here for attention. Thinks that such matters were both in his individual capacity, and as representative of some party residing in the State of Louisiana.

2d interrogatory. Witness says that the following claims were
321 placed in their hands as said attorneys, Watts & Troy: 1st. S. W. Vance distributed of the estate of P. R. Gilmer, dec'd vs. M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer., jr., and M. L. Gilmer. The note in this case was dated Decem., 1861, and was due 18th Decem., 1862, with interest from date, in the sum of 9,045.83⅓ dollars. Suit was brought on this note in the fall of 1866; was compromised March 30th, 1867, by order of said S. W. Vance by Mr. & Mrs. F. M. Gilmer conveying the Peachy R. Gilmer plantation to said S. W. Vance, Graves, and Mrs. O'Neil.

2d. That the second claim was in favor of said S. W. Vance vs. S. S. Caraway. Note dated the 1st of March, of year 1860, at one day, in the sum of $500. This was sued January 8th, 1866. Judgment was obtained Feb. 8th, 1866, for $737.54. Of this amount $400 were collected & remitted Decem. 5th, 1866, less our fee, $40.00.

3d. Claim was in favor of S. W. Vance vs. Wm. J. Fuller & Allen E. Fuller; note for $472.12. Sued and judgment obtained in 1866; no money ever made upon it.

4th. Claim in favor of S. W. Vance vs. Thomas Williams. Two notes for $666.67 each. Each dated 23d June, 1857; one due January 1st, 1859; the other due January 1st, 1860. A bill was filed concerning this case in July 25th, 1866, in chancery court, but no collection was ever made.

5th. Claim in favor of same vs. E. Z. Fair. Note for $1,166.40, and dated July 2d, 1858, & one July 2d, 1859. Credit on same Feb. 11th, 1859, for $166.40; March 16th, 1860, credit on same note for $80.
322 Judgment on the same June, 1867, for $1,601.76; no money ever made upon it.

6th. Claim in favor of same vs. W. H. Wilkinson. Note dated July 14th, 1857; due July 14th, 1860; amount $2,050.00. Bill filed May 15th, 1866, in chancery court; collected March, 1867, $3,284.75. Remitted same to said Vance, less $328.47, fees in this case, & $818.58, fees in the case' S. W. Vance, M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer, & M. L. Gilmer, aforementioned, June 16th, 1868, making the total amount paid to him at that time, less fees, $2,137.67.

7th. Claim in favor of same vs. Samuel L. Arrington. Note dated January 1st, 1862; due Jan. 1st, 1865; interest from date in the sum of $1,586.06; collected August 23d, 1866. Note and interest $2,176.28, less our fees, $133.81; remitted to H. W. Farley, & Co., New Orleans, La., as per order of S. W. Vance, on August 4th, 1866.

Claim in favor of same vs. 5 shares of the Montgomery & Eufolu Railroad stock, 14 shares of the Montgomery Insurance stock, 8 shares of Alabama & Florida Railroad stock, 2 mortgage bonds, No. 26 & 27, of $500.00 each, of the Montgomery Mining & Manufacturing Company. June 17th, 1870, said 2 bonds and coupons were sold for $889.95, the same being 50 cents on the dollar of the value of said bonds & coupons. This sum was also remitted by order of the plaintiff, said S. W. Vance, to Messrs. H. W. Farley & Co., New Orleans, La., less our fees, $69.49. Said Montgomery & Eufola Railroad stock we have still, no disposition having been made of it. The said Montgomery Insurance Company stock is now in
323 our (that is in the present firm of Watts & Son, successors to Watts and Troy) possession, no disposition having been made of it.

The said Alabama & Florida Railroad stock is still in our, Watts & Son's, possession, no disposition having been made of it; and as to said Montgomery and West Point R. R. stock, witness says that we have no docket or record as to what was done with it; but witness' best recollection same sold for 25c. on the dollar, and remitted to said Vance, less usual fees. On this point witness' recollection is not clear. All the shares of said railroad stock were $100.00 each.

8th. Claims in favor of S. W. Vance (individually, as appears on our docket) vs. Richard W. Offett & Frank M. Gilmer, jr. Decree in chancery for the lot claimed. Said lot sold by the register in chancery on the 1st Monday in May, 1869. Bought for $2,000. Com'r cost paid to the register out of this $2,000, being 88.50, leaving $1,911.50. Said Vance purchased the lot.

On January 10th, 1872, as appears on Watts and Troy's books, Watts and Troy remitted said S. W. Vance, administrator of some person unknown to witness, the sum of $1,000, and for & what purpose witness cannot testify, not knowing. Jan. 2d, 1873, Watts & Troy remitted to said S. W. Vance, as appears on the said Watts & Troy's books, $1,000. January 24, '73, Watts & Troy remitted the said S. W. Vance the further sum of $843.00, and for what purpose and for what amount witness
324 cannot testify, not knowing. The books of Watts & Troy do not show that any of said moneys were paid to S. W. Vance in the capacity of tutor to S. E. Vance. All the claims mentioned, except the one as having been paid to him, were according to said books of said Watts & Troy, paid to said Vance.

To the 3d interrogatory, witness says, I have spoken in the 2d interrogatory of the note made by Mr. M. A. Gilmer and others, due December 18th, 1862, with interest from the 18th of December, 1861, for the

sum of $9,045.83½; said that the note was in the possession of Watts & Troy, and what was done with it; that said plantation, heretofore mentioned as the Peachy R. Gilmer, was taken in full satisfaction of said note; that Watts and Troy, aforesaid, made the settlement by order of S. W. Vance. Witness is not certain, but thinks that S. J. Zeigler, of Shreveport, La., now owns or control' said plantation. I cannot describe said lands.

Interrogatory 4th. Witness says, in answer to this int'g'y, I have testified in my answer to the 2d interrogatory in relation to the E. Y. Fair note. I do not know from whom said Vance received said note, or in what capacity he received it, except as stated in 2d inter'g'y. There were credits on said note, as stated in 2d inter'g'y when the note was placed in Watts & Troy's hands for collection. No money was ever collected on said note.

325 Interrogatory 5th. To this witness says that the note vs. W. J. Fuller and Allen E. Fuller was also in the hands of Watts & Troy, as stated in 2d inter'g'y. Suit was brought and judgment obtained, but no money was collected on said note. Witness knew Allen E. Fuller; did not know W. J. Fuller. Has known, Allen E. Fuller ever since the war. Does not know the pecuniary condition of said Allen E. Fuller & W. J. Fuller at the time said Vance received said note, nor when it became due; but does know the pecuniary condition of said Allen F. Fuller at the time said judgment on said note was obtained.

Witness knows that he was not solvent at that time, and from information and belief said W. J. Fuller was not solvent. Witness does not know whether said Vance received any money on said note from either of said Fullers. Nothing was paid said Vance on said claims by Watts & Troy.

6th interrogatory. To this I have testified as to the notes against Thomas Williams in the 2d inte'g'y. Nothing to deponent's knowledge was ever collected on said claims. The note for $500 against S. S. Caraway I have also testified as to in the 2d interrogatory. Said Caraway's pecuniary condition at the time when judgment was obtained in 1866 was not good. I don't know what his pecuniary condition was at the time he received said notes, nor do I know in what capacity he received said note, except as it appears on the said books of said Watts & Troy, and that is in the capacity of distributor of the estate of P. R. Gilmer, dec'd.

326 There were no credits on either of said notes when Watts & Troy received them.

7th interrogatory. Witness says I do know and have testified relative to note made by W. H. Wilkerson, due July 14th, 1860, for $2,050. Said note was in the possession of Watts & Troy for collection, and Watts and Troy received it from S. W. Vance. There were credits 1st July 5th, 1859, for $164.00; July 12th, 1860, $164.00. I have answered in 2d interrogatory the amount collected and paid to S. W. Vance and the date thereof.

8th interrogatory. Witness says the only one of said notes of which any record was kept as to whom payable was said note of W. H. Wilkerson, which said note was, according to said books of Watts and Troy, payable to N. Anderson, and by him endorsed to said P. R. Gilmer. I do not know from whom he received said note or what title he had thereto.

9th interrogatory. To this interrogatory witness says, I am not suffici-

ently familiar with the matters enquired of in this interrogatory to attempt to answer it. I do not remember that I was personally acquainted with Peachy R. Gilmer, and do not know when he departed this life. I know nothing of any other claims than as to those already testified to.

10th interrogatory. Witness says said S. W. Vance placed in the hands of Watts and Troy, June 3d, 1868, the following stocks and bonds: 5
327 shares, of $100 each, of the Montgomery, &c.; Eufola Railroad stock, $100 each, the certificate of which is still in our hands and worthless; 35 shares, $100 each, of the Montgomery and West Point Railroad stock, the certificate of which is not in the possession of Watts and Troy, and, as affiant thinks, was sold about 1869, and for about 25c. on the dollar, but no record seems to have been kept of the matter, and I think it was a private sale made by said S. W. Vance. Col. Troy, member of the firm of Watts and Troy, had control of and can testify more fully as to this matter. Watts & Troy had 14 shares, $100 a share, face value of the Montgomery Insurance Company, the certificate of which said Watts & Son have still in their possession, and which said shares are worth about one cent on the dollar now; also 8 shares of $100 each, face value, of the Alabama & Florida Railroad stock, the certificate of which Watts and Son have in theiri possesson; said shares have no value.

Also 2 bonds of $500 of the Montgomery Mining & Manufacturing Company. They were sold as before testified to in the 2d int'y, and proceeds applied as then stated, the face value of these bonds being $500 each. I don't know what was the value of said stocks & bonds at the time they were received by Watts and Troy; but think they were worthless as now, with the exception of the bonds and Montgomery and
328 West Point R. Rd. stocks, which was worth about 25 cts. on the dollar, and the bonds about 50 cents on the dollar; and, also, the Montgomery & Eufala R. Rd. was worth about 20 cts. on the dollar, I think, at the time Watts and Troy received the same. Watts and Troy's books show that said bonds and stocks were placed in their hands by S. W. Vance individually. I have answered heretofore in relation to other inquiries here made.

11th interrogatory. Witness says: The certificates for said Montgomery and Eufala Railroad stock, said Montgomery insurance stock, said Alabama and Florida Railroad stock are still in the possession of Watts & Troy, and we, Watts & Sons, have them, subject to the order of the personal representative of S. W. Vance, dec'd.

12th interrogatory. Witness says: The Montgomery and Eufala Railroad stock was worth about 20 cents on the dollar in June 3d, 1868; Montgomery insurance was worth about the same that it is now, about one cent on the dollar; Alabama and Florida Railroad stock was about worthless when we received it, and is now worse than worthless. Said bonds were worth about 50 cts. on the dollar, the amount they were sold for. The said Montgomery and West Point Railroad stock was worth about twenty-five cents on the dollar. They have not increased in
329 value, any of them, the said stocks, since they were received by Watts & Troy.

1st X-interrogatory. I do not know what personal property said S. W. Vance, as guardian of his minor children, received in Alabama and removed to Louisiana. I do not know the number of slaves he removed from Alabama to Louisiana.

2d X-interrogatory. Witness says: I know nothing as to what money said Vance received in Alabama as guardian or otherwise, except as stated in the direct examination.

3d X-interrogatory. Witness says: I don't know when said Vance received said slaves, or what their hire was reasonably worth per annum.

4th X-interrogatory. Witness says: I don't know what lands, or the quantity or the value thereof, that the minor children of S. W. Vance received under the will of P. R. Gilmer, dec'd. I do not know the number of acres in cultivation, nor what would be a reasonable rent therefor, nor when it came into the possession of said S. W. Vance, said guardian. I know of no other facts that would be beneficial to the interest of the minor heirs of S. W. Vance, dec'd, touching the property, rights, or credits that said minor heirs were entitled to in the distribution of the estate of said Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased.

(Signed) JOHN W. WATTS.

330 *Answers of S. D. Hubbard, sr.*

SAM'L D. HUBBARD, sr., being duly sworn, on oath answers: That in 1862 he was the secretary of the Montgomery Insurance Company, and that the stock of said company was then worth par in U. S. currency; that after the surrender in 1865 the stock became almost worthless, owing to the assets of the company having become changed into Confederate currency and insolvency of debtors; thus the realty belonging to the company has since the surrender been assessed for taxation at about seven thousand dollars, which is all the property the company now owns that is of any value. The stock of the company was three hundred thousand dollars. As to the other matters contained in the interrogatories, he does not know anything.

(Signed) S. D. HUBBARD.

Answers of Ch's T. Pollard.

Now comes witness CHAS. T. POLLARD & says that to 1st, 2d, & 3d interrogatories the following is all he knows, and he puts in his own words: My recollection is that in 1862 the stock of the Montgomery & West Point Railroad Co. was worth ninety per cent. in United States currency, in 1865 it was worth 30, and is now worthless. The stock of the Montgomery Insurance Company was in 1862 worth par, and in 1865 was worthless. Witness says further that this is all he knows about the
331 matters asked above in direct interrogatories. Witness says, also, in response to each and all of the interrogatories crossed, that he knows nothing whatever; that he does not know the parties asked about.

(Signed) CH'S T. POLLARD.

Answers of S. Hubbard, jr.

Now comes next witness S. D. HUBBARD, jr., and to the 1st interrogatory says: That he knows nothing of the solvency or insolvency of the corporations named in this interrogatory on the 10th of April, 1862, nor the value of stocks, par value or market value, in the said corporations

only from hearsay, as he was not connected with either of these corporations on the 10th of April, 1862.

To the 2d interrogatory witness says that he knows nothing.

3d interrogatory. Witness says that he knows that the stock of the Montgomery & West Point Railroad Company sold since the surrender (1865) at 30 cts. on the dollar, but is now valueless. He knows nothing of the value of the other stocks mentioned in the 1st int'g'y, but believes them to be valueless. The highest value of said stock was previous to 1870. They are now valueless.

1st X-interrogatory. To the first cross-interrogatory witness says he knows nothing.

2d X-interrogatory. To the second cross-interrogatory witness says that he knows nothing.

3d & 4th X-interrogatory. To the 3d & 4th interrogatories witness says he knows nothing.

332 5th X-interrogatory. To the fifth cross-interrogatory witness says that he purchased the two bonds of the Montgomery Mining and Manufacturing Company about the year 1870 (can't say positively as to the date) for fifty cents on the dollar.

(Signed) S. D. HUBBARD, JR.

Answers of Lewis Owen.

Next comes Col. LEWIS OWEN, witness, and to the first interrogatory propounded to him says *that*:

1st. That his best impression is that the stock in all the corporations mentioned in this interrogatory, except the Montgomery Mining Company, was worth about the 10th of April, 1862, about 75 cents on the dollar; that this was the market value of said stock about said time; that he does not recollect the value of said mining company stock.

2d interrogatory. To the second interrogatory the witness, Lewis Owen, says that he reckons the value of said stock alluded to in 1st interr'y in the currency of the country at that time, which currency to witness' recollection was Confederate States & State money (Ala.), which money or moneys was considered good at that time.

3d interrogatory. To the third interrogatory witness says that since the summer of 1865 the sales of Montgomery and West Point railroad stock has been from 1865 to 1869, inclusive, worth about 30 cts. on the
333 dollar; that the same since 1870 has gone down, and his impression is now it is worth much less, but does not know what it is worth now; that the Montgomery & Eufala R. Rd. Co. stock from 1865 to 1870, inclusive, was worth from 40 to 50c. on the dollar. Since 1870 this stock has become entirely valueless; that the stock of the Alabama & Florida Railroad Company is entirely valueless; was in 1865 or 1866 worth about 75 cts. on the dollar; that its value gradually became less; does not think that the stock of the Montgomery Insurance Company was worth anything at or since 1865 or since the war; that he knows nothing of the Montgomery Mining Company.

1st X. To the first cross-interrogatory witness says: That he knows nothing about the matters asked about in this interrogatory.

2d X. To the second cross-interrogatory witness says that he knows

nothing about that amount of money said S. W. Vance received in Alabama and removed to Louisiana.

3d X. Witness says that he knows nothing about when he received any slaves, and of course nothing about what said slaves were reasonably worth p'r annum.

4th X-interrogatory. To the fourth cross-interrogatory witness says that he does not know the quantity of land asked about; that he does not know anything asked for in this interrogatory.

334 5th X-interrogatory. To the fifth interrogatory witness says: He knows nothing except what he has already stated in his direct interrogatories that would be of benefit or otherwise to said minor heirs.

(Signed) L. OWEN.

Answer of Josiah Morris.

Next comes JOSIAH MORRIS, witness, and for answer to the first interrogatory says that he knows nothing definite as to the solvency of any of the corporations named in this interrogatory, nor can he state anything definite as to the value of the stocks of any corporations during the year 1862. He has no recollection of the value (par or market) of any of the stock of said companies in said year, nor has witness any means of ascertaining such value at said time.

To the 2d interrogatory witness says that he has already stated in interrogatory 1st that he does not know and cannot fix any value to said stock. At the time (1862) confederate money was the currency of the country, but witness cannot give or state the value of any kind of currency.

To the 3d interrogatory witness says that since the surrender (1865) the stock of the Montgomery Insurance Company has been considered worthless; that as to the Montgomery Mining Company he has no

335 recollection about it, i. e., no recollection of any such company. The Alabama & Florida Railroad Company stock from 1865 to 1870, inclusive, was considered worth from 20 to 40 cents on the dollar; since that time considered worthless. The Montgomery and Eufala Railroad stock between 1865 & 1870 was considered worth from 20 to 30 cents on the dollar; since that time considered worthless. Between 1865 & 1870 Montgomery & West Point Railroad stock was worth from 30 to 40 cents; since that time of very little or no value. The above estimates are based upon United States currency. Witness thinks that in 1865 or 1866 the said stocks would have sold for more than in any of the other years asked about in this interrogatory; and above he has given as near the proper and highest values he can at present. Witness says that none of the stocks asked have any value; considered of no value.

X-interrogatory. To the first cross-interrogatory witness says he knows nothing.

To the second cross-interrogatory witness says he knows nothing.

To the third cross-interrogatory witness says he knows nothing.

To the fourth cross-interrogatory witness says he knows nothing.

To the fifth interrogatory witness says that he has already answered all and what he knows in this matter.

(Signed) JOSIAH MORRIS.

336 *Answers of Dan'l S. Troy.*

Now comes DANIEL S. TROY, witness, who to the first interrogatory says that:

I knew S. W. Vance. Watts & Troy, of which firm I was a member, acted as his attorneys for him as an individual. To the best of my recollection he did not say anything about his being tutor to his daughter.

To the 2d interrogatory witness says that in the fall of eighteen hundred and sixty-five (1865) said Vance placed in hands of Watts & Troy for collection a note made by M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer, and M. L. Gilmer, dated December 18th, 1861, and due December 18th, 1862, with interest from date, for $9,045.83⅓.

On this note we brought suit against F. M. Gilmer & M. L. Gilmer. M. A. Gilmer was the wife of F. M. Gilmer, and being a married woman was not liable to a personal action. This note was given for the purchase money in part of Peachy R. Gilmer plantation, and P. V. O'Neil and Graves each held similar notes for a similar amount, all three of the notes having been received by them from the executors of P. R. Gilmer on the distribution of his estate. There being no probability of making the money out of F. M. Gilmer, jr., and M. L. Gilmer, jr., and the wife, M. A. Gilmer, conveyed said Peachy R. Gilmer

337 plantation, containing 3,420 acres to Vance, Graves, and Mrs. O'Neal in discharge of their notes. This was about the 30th of March, 1867. Vance paid us a fee of $704.44 for services in this case, which was retained out of the other collections hereinafter mentioned and which more fully appears from the copy of the account between Watts & Troy and S. W. Vance, hereto appended as a part of this deposition and marked Exhibit A, and which shows the amount of money collected and paid out to and for said Vance, except as hereinafter stated. Said Vance in November, A. D. 1865, also placed in the hands of Watts & Troy for collection a note made by S. S. Caraway, dated March 1st, 1860, and payable one day after date, for $500.00, on which we brought suit in the city court of Montgomery and recovered judgment Feb. 8th, 1866, for $737.54 (seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty-four cents). On the judgment we collected about the 5th of November, 1867, $400, which we remitted to said Vance through H. W. Farley & Co., New Orleans, La. Nothing more could be collected on the judgment. Said Vance, in 1865, also placed in our hands for collection a note made by W. J. Fuller and Allen E. Fuller, dated January 19th, 1861, payable one day after date, for $472.12, on which we brought suit in the said city court of Montgomery & recovered judgment February 8th, 1866, for $663.23.

338 Nothing was ever collected on this judgment, parties being insolvent. Said Vance in November, 1865, also placed in our hands for collection two notes made by Thomas Williams, both dated January 23d, 1867, one due January 1st, 1859, and the other due January 1st, 1860, each for the sum of $666.67. These notes were given for the purchase money of an office on Perry street, city of Montgomery, Alabama. We filed a bill in equity against the heirs of said Williams, who had died insolvent, and succeeded in subjecting the property to the payment of said notes, and at the sale under the decree we bid it in for Vance to prevent a sacrifice of the property.

Vance retained the property for a short time, and we rented it out for him and collected the rents, as shown in said account, and paid taxes. In about April, 1867, as the agents of Vance we sold the office to Arrington for $2,000, and remitted to Vance as shown in said Vance's answer through H. W. Farley & Co. Nothing else could be collected on this claim.

Said Vance in 1865 also placed in our hands for collection a note made by E. Y. Fair for $1,166.40, on which there was some credits, viz, Feb. 11th, 1859, $166.40; March 16th, 1866, $80.00. On this note we brought suit in the city court of Montgomery and recovered a judgment June
339 term, 1867, for $1,601.76, but nothing could ever be realized on said judgment. Said Vance also placed in our hands for collection at the same time a note made by W. H. Wilkerson, made July 14th, 1857, and due July 14th, 1860, for $2,050, on which we collected, in March, 1867, $3,284.75, which we paid over and accounted for to him as shown in said account. Said Vance, in Feb., 1866, also placed in our hands for collection a note of Samuel L. Arrington, dated January 1st, 1862, and due January 1st, 1865, with interest from date, for $1,586.60, on which we collected August 3d, 1866, $2,176.28, and after deducting fees $133.81, and exchange 5.01, we remitted balance of $2,037.46 to Vance, through said H. W. Farley & Co., New Orleans, La. The P. R. Gilmer plantation, taken in compromise with Mr. & Mrs. Gilmer, was held by Vance, Graves, and Mrs. O'Neil, jointly, until about January, 1870, when it was divided by a suit for partition in the probate court of Montgomery County, Alabama, Up to that time we collected Vance's one-third of the rent, as shown in said account; after that time the part of the plantation allotted to Vance on the partition was placed by him for rent or sale in the hands of James M. Newman, then a real-estate agent of this city, for rent or sale, and I do not know what rents he got for it, or whether it was ever sold. All the claims above mentioned con-
340 stituted a part of the distributive share of Mrs. Vance and her children in the estate of P. R. Gilmer, deceased.

This fact was stated to us by Vance, but he did not claim to act in any representative capacity, and we represented him as the holders of the claims.

3d interrogatory. To the 3d interrogatory witness says that: I have answered this interrogatory as fully as I am able in my answer to the 2d interrogatory.

4th interrogatory. To the 4th interrogatory witness says that: I have answered this interrogatory as fully as I am able in my answer to 2d int'g'y.

5th interrogatory. To the 5th interrogatory witness says: I have answered this interrogatory as fully as I am able in my answer to 2d int'g'y. I have known W. J. Fuller & Allen E. Fuller since 1860. Nothing was collected from them by Vance, and from knowledge of their pecuniary condition and efforts made to collect the notes against them I am satisfied nothing could have been made out of them by legal process after the war.

To the 6th & 7th interrogatories witness says: I have answered these interrogatories fully in my answer to 2d interrogatory.

To the 8th interrogatory witness says: I do not recollect distinctly to whom the notes above mentioned were payable; my best recollection is that the note of Mrs. M. A. Gilmer and others was payable to the

341 executors of P. R. Gilmer. The note of Samuel L. Arrington was payable in the same way. The notes of S. S. Caraway, W. J. & Allen E. Fuller, Thomas Williams, & E. Y. Fair were payable to Peachy R. Gilmer, and the note of W. H. Wilkerson was payable to N. Anderson, and by him endorsed to P. R. Gilmer. Vance received said notes from the executors of Peachy R. Gilmer.

To the 9th interrogatory witness says: I never knew P. R. Gilmer. Don't know what assets belonged to his estate passed into the possession of S. W. Vance except those placed in the hands of Watts and Troy as attorneys, as stated in this deposition. My answer to the second interrogatory, and the answer I will make to the 10th interrogatory furnish all the information I can give in response to the remaining questions in this interrogatory.

To the 10th interogatory, the witness says: Said Vance placed in the hands of Watts & Troy, in 1865 & 1866, certificates of stocks in the Montgomery Insurance Company, Alabama & Florida Railroad Company, Montgomery & West Point Railroad Company, said certificates in the hands of Watts & Sons. Nothing has ever been collected on them, and they are absolutely valueless, except the Montgomery Insurance Company stock, 14 shares, which is worth one or two dollars per share. Said

342 Vance also placed in our hands two (2) mortgage bonds of the Montgomery Mining & Manufacturing Company, each for $500.00, dated March 1st, 1861, due ten years after date, on the 17th of June, 1870, we sold at the request of Vance, these two bonds at $889.95 being 50 per cent. of the principal and interest then due, and after deducting commissions, $69.49, and paying for exchange $8.05, we remitted the balance of $818.41 to Vance through H. W. Farley & Co., on the 18th of June, 1870.

To the 11th interrogatory, witness says: The certificates of the stocks above stated and in the hands of Watts & Sons, except the 35 shares in the Montgomery & West Point Railroad Company, about which I have no distinct recollection, but my impression is that these 35 shares were sold by Vance at a private sale at 25 cents on the dollar.

To the 12th interrogatory, witness says: My recollection is that the stocks had no market value at the time they were placed in our hands by said Vance, and that they have none now. But at one time, about 1869, '70 or '71, the Montgomery & West Point Railroad Company stock could be sold at 25c. on the dollar.

1st X *cross*-interrogatories. To the first cross-interrogatory witness says: I know nothing.

2' X-interrogatory. To second cross-interrogatory witness says: I do not know.

343 3d X-interrogatory. To the third cross-interrogatory witness says: I do not know.

4th X-interrogatory. To the 4th cross-interrogatory, witness says: I do not know.

5th X-interrogatory. To the 5th cross-interrogatory, witness says: I know of no other facts that would be of interest to the minor heirs of S. W. Vance.

(Signed) D. S. TROY.

EXHIBIT A.

A correct copy of account alluded to in interrogatories. 1867.

Dr. To cash paid cost in city court, his case vs. E. Y. Fair		$15 10
Nov. 5th. To cash paid for advertising Gilmer plantation for sale or rent		$18 00
To fee 2206 against Mrs. M. A. Gilmer & others; amount		$704 44
To commission in case 2207 against S. S. Caraway on $400		$40 00
January 6th, 1868. To cash paid stamps on deed of F. M. Gilmer		$41 05
To commissions in 2211 against W. H. Wilkerson		$328 47
Credit by collection 2211, against W. H. Wilkerson	3,284 75	
June 6th, 1868. To cash to balance		$2,137 69
July 21st. To cash paid W. P. and H. B. Baker for surveying Peachy Gilmer' land, Decem. 14th, 1868		$125 50
To cash paid for copy of deed of F. M. Gilmer, to him & others		3 00
344 Feb. 12th, 1869. Credit by cash received for one-third of rent of Gilmer plantation for the year 1868	$148 85	
May 11th, 1869. Dr. To cash paid court costs in cases against Gilmer, ofsett, and others		88 50
July 12th, 1869. Cash paid for recording deed		2 00
Feb. 28th, 1870. Credit by cash collected of P. V. O'Neil, on % of stamps, &c	$19 68	
Janu. 18th, 1870. Dr. To costs of suit of partition of Gilmer land		10 20
March 17th, 1870. To check on New Orleans, to Farley, Juny & Co		309 16
Exchange on above check		77
1869. April 8. To cash paid salesman to sell office		2 00
April 10th, 1867. By cash received of Samuel L. Arrington, of sale of office on Perry street	$2,000	
April 11th, 1869. Dr. To remittance to Henry W. Farley & Co., check on Faden, Smith & Co., on New Orleans, La	1,995	1,995 00
To exchange paid for this check		5 00
Acknowledged April 13th, 1871.		
May 2d, 1872. By cash collected of N. Newman, on % of rent	56 33	
To cash paid city taxes on town lot, 1869, '70, '71		90 00

Answers of Thos. H. Watts.

Now comes Thos. H. Watts, next witness, who to the interrogatories,

cross and direct, says, that he has carefully examined & read the
345 testimony of Col. Daniel S. Troy, a witness in this matter, and he adopts and makes the same his answer; and further, that said Troy, who was then a member of the firm of Watts & Troy, transacted most of the Vance business, and that his recollection of the matter would be derived almost entirely from his books, and what appears on the books has been testified to by Col. D. S. Troy, and also by John W. Watts, and that he could add nothing to that. That as to opinions of these two witness' he adopts them as his own.

(Signed) T. H. WATTS.

Certificate of commissioner.

I, George W. Townsend, commissioner, do hereby certify that the evidence of the witnesses John W. Watts, Frank M. Gilmer, Charles T. Pollard, Josiah Morris, Samuel D. Hubbard, sr., Samuel D. Hubbard, jr., Lewis Owen, Thomas H. Watts, and Daniel S. Troy, all of the city of Montgomery, Ala., was taken down under oath and subscribed by them in my presence, on the 9th day of August, 1878, at my office, in the city of Montgomery, Ala., in the county of Montgomery, Ala., and that I have long personal knowledge of said witnesses; and that I am not of counsel, nor of kin to either of the parties to this suit, nor have I any interest in the result thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of August A. D. 1878.

(Signed) GEORGE W. TOWNSEND, [L.S.]
Commissioner.

346 (Endorsed:) Rece'd and filed Sept. 21st, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k. d. c. The above depositions, &c., were filed in evidence and marked M, Oct. 22d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dist. court.

Testimony of Thos. L. Gilmer.

THOS. L. GILMER, sworn (on part of executrix) says that he has been planting on Red River, Bossier Parish, since the year 1842; was a slaveholder in Bossier Parish, from year 1842, down to the emancipation. When a person owned a number of slaves and there were among them women and children, it would be the interest of the owner to keep them on the place and not hire them out. Witness has just now heard read the number, description, and ages of the slaves mentioned in the inventory of minors J. B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, and in which one-third are under ten (10) years of age; and it is his opinion that it was to the interest of the minors that they, the slaves, be kept together on the plantation, and not hired out from the time this tutorship was opened to the emancipation. It was to the interest of the slaveholders that child-bearing women be kept at home, and not hired out. A slave owner could not hire out a slave for any advantage during the war period.

347 Witness had over 100 slaves simply for their victuals and cloth'; these were refugees from Mississippi River. Witness owned about one hundred slaves during the war period, and for 4 years of the war

period they were not profitable. In witness and S. W. Vance' neighborhood, slave-owners did not make any money off of their slaves during the war period. On Plaindealing plantation, owned by S. W. Vance, the slaves may have *have* made money for the reason their cotton could be held, but does not know that it was held. In witness' neighborhood the production and sale of cotton were entirely controlled by military authorities. Witness lives now (6) six miles from Buck Hall, the principal place worked by S. W. Vance during the war; at the commencement and during the war lived in De Soto Parish, 30 miles from Buck Hall. During the war period slaves could only be hired for Confederate money. Slaves could not have been hired out for specie, or any other kind of money. Knows that S. W. Vance built a levee in front of Buck Hall since the war to protect it from the river; he also contributed $500 for building a levee across Burrit's Bayou. The levee across Burrit's Bayou did protect the back land of Buck Hall plantation. The levee built by S. W. Vance across Williams Bayou to protect Buck Hall plantation was worth $2,000. Witness was the contractor who built the levee across Burrit's Bayou.

348 *Inventory & tutorship of J. B. G. & S. E. Vance.*

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it remembered that on this the twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1860, I, Austin Miller, recorder of the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and ex-officio notary public, duly commissioned & qualified, after repairing to the residence of S. W. Vance, of the parish of Bossier, by virtue of an order to me directed from the clerk of the district court of said parish of Bossier, proceeded to make an inventory and cause all the property, real & personal, in my said parish, belonging to the minors, James B. Gilmer Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance, heirs of Mary B. Gilmer, deceased, & late wife of Dr. Samuel W. Vance; said minors being represented by S. W. Vance, their father and natural tutor, at whose instance this inventory and appraisement is made. I, said recorder, first apppointed and qualified, according to law, Messrs. Robt. L. Gilmer and Elias O'Neil, appraisers, to value and estimate said property hereinafter described; said Dr. S. W. Vance then pointed out the property which is described and appraised as follows, to wit: First, the following lands in in Bossier Parish acquired by the mother of said minors from the estate of her father, James Blair Gilmer, now deceased, viz:

All that portion of section twenty-four (24), township No. nineteen (19), range No. (14) fourteen, which lies east of Red River, containing $23\frac{95}{100}$ acres, more or less. The whole of section No. nineteen (19), of range No. thirteen (13), except that portion in southwest corner, west
349 of the Shreveport and public road, the balance of said section containing 623.64 acres; also all of that portion of section No. twenty (20) of township nineteen, of range thirteen, west of Williams' Bayou, containing 88.20 acres; the above lands laying in the parish of Bossier, east of Red River, and containing seven hundred and thirty-five acres & $\frac{79}{100}$ of an acre, more or less, and forms the principal part of Buck Hall plant.,

estimated by said appraisers at sixty-two dollars and fifty cents per acre, making the sum of forty-five thousand nine hundred and eighty-six $\frac{07}{100}$ dollars ($45,986.07). The undivided one-third interest in about two thousand three hundred and seventy acres of land lying in Bossier Parish, known as the Coushatta tract, which said land was held in common between the mother of said minors and her two sisters, Martha B. Gilmer & Eliza L. Graves. The exact numbers of which land cannot even be conveniently ascertained. The whole appraised at five dollars per acre, on' third is $3,950.00. Also the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 15, T. 22, R. 13, containing 80 acres, held in common as aforesaid, known as the Cooper tract, near Collinsburg, at five dollars per acre, one-third is 80.00. Also NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 22, & W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW. $\frac{1}{4}$, sect. 15, in T. 15, R. 11, near the Christian place, held in common as aforesaid, containing 240 acres, at five dollars per acre, one-third $400.

The following described slaves & mules, &c., which were acquired by the said Mary B. Vance from the estate of her father and otherwise, which is separate estate, to wit:

350	1. Granville, a man, aged about 30 years, at sixteen hundred and fifty dollars	1,650 00
	2. Hannah, aged about 25 years, at fourteen hundred and fifty dollars	1,450 00
	3d. Ridgeway, a child, aged about 10 mo's, at one hundred dollars	100 00
	4. Little Jeff, a boy, aged about 18 years, at eight hundred dollars	800 00
	5. Frank Carpenter, a man, aged 27 years, at sixteen hundred dollars	1,600 00
	6. Emily, a woman, aged 21 years, at fourteen hundred and fifty dollars	1,450 00
	7. Ally, a girl child, aged 3 months, at one hundred dollars	100 00
	8. Seyanna, a woman, aged 23 years, at fourteen hundred and fifty dollars	1,450 00
	9. William, a boy child, aged 9 mo's, at one hundred dollars	100 00
	10. Solomon, a man, aged about 25 years, at one thousand dollars	1,000 00
	11. Sally, a woman, aged about 37 years, at one thousand dollars	1,000 00
	12. Francis, a girl, aged about 7 years, at seven hundred dollars	700 00
	13. Henry Harrison, a man, aged about 40 years, at eleven hundred dollars	1,100 00
	14. Rose, a woman, aged about 21 years, at fourteen hundred and fifty dollars	1,450 00
	15. Dave, a man, aged about 35 years, at fourteen hundred & fifty dollars	1,450 00
	16. Alec. White, a man, aged about 25 years, at fifteen hundred dollars	1,500 00
351	17. Little Charley, a man, aged about 31 years, at sixteen hundred & fifty dollars	1,650 00
	18. Henrietta, a woman, aged about 27 years, at fourteen hundred dollars	1,400 00

19. Patsy, a girl child, aged 8 years, at eight hundred dollars..... 800 00
20. William, a boy, aged 6 years, at six hundred dollars..... 600 00
21. Sophie, a girl child, aged 2 years, two hundred dollars.. 200 00
22. Milton, a boy child, aged 2 mo's, one hundred dollars.. 100 00
23. Ben., a man, aged about 45 years, five hundred dollars.. 500 00
24. Rachael, a woman, aged 35 years, at thirteen hundred dollars 1,300 00
25. Stephen, a boy, aged about 11 years, at eleven hundred dollars 1,100 00
26. Little Tom, a boy, aged about 9 years, at one thousand dollars 1,000 00
27. Winnie, a girl child, aged about 6 years, at six hundred dollars..... 600 00
28. Henry, a boy child, aged 3 years, at three hundred dollars..... 300 00
29. Little Ben., a boy child, aged 1 year, at one hundred dollars 100 00
30. Alec Stick, an old man, aged 55 years, at one hundred dollars..... 100 00
31. Ann, aged 40 years (crazy); valued at nothing.
32. Little Aleck, a boy, aged about 18 years, at thirteen hundred dollars..... 1,300 00

352 33. Agnes, a girl child, aged 3 years, at three hundred dollars..... 300 00

34. Wash., a man, aged about 35 years, at sixteen hundred dollars..... 1,600 00
35. Big Maria, a woman, aged about 45 years, at nine hundred dollars 900 00
36. Little Sol., a boy, aged about 13 years, at twelve hundred dollars..... 1,200 00
37. Peachy, a boy, aged about 11 years, at one thousand dollars..... 1,000 00
38. Celie, a girl, aged about 9 years, at nine hundred dollars..... 900 00
39. Paul, a boy child, aged about 5 years, at five hundred dollars..... 500 00
40. Little Wash., a boy child, aged about 3 years, at three hundred dollars..... 300 00
41. Rosin, a man, aged about 23 years, at sixteen hundred & fifty dollars..... 1,650 00
42. Bob Jenkins, a man, aged 35 years, at sixteen hundred dollars..... 1,600 00
43. Margaret, a woman, aged 35 years (blind); valued at nothing 000 00
44. Old Tom, a man, aged 52 years, at five hundred dollars..... 500 00
45. Willis, boy child, aged 5 years, at five hundred dollars.. 500 00
46. Sallie, a woman, aged 51 years (blind); valued at nothing..... 000 00
47. Little Dick, a man, aged 20 years, at sixteen hundred fifty dollars 1,650 00

48. Henry, boy, aged 18 years, at sixteen hundred fifty dollars..... 1,650 00
353 49. Big Jim, man, aged about 50 years, at eight hundred dollars..... 800 00
50. Jane, woman, aged 45 years, five hundred dollars..... 500 00
51. Maj. Charley, man, aged 35 years, at sixteen hundred and fifty dollars..... 1,650 00
52. Jesse, man, aged 40 years, at one thousand dollars..... 1,000 00
53. Dolly, woman, aged 54 years, at two hundred and fifty dollars 250 00
54. Primus, a man, aged 35 years, at sixteen hundred and fifty dollars 1,650 00
55. Jones, a boy child, aged 4 years, at four hundred dollars..... 400 00
56. Elizabeth, a child, aged 2 years, at two hundred dollars..... 200 00
57. Reuben (driver), man, aged 50 years, at eight hundred dollars 800 00
58. Betsy, woman, aged 54 years, at three hundred dollars..... 300 00
59. Lavinia, girl, aged 19 years, at thirteen hundred dollars..... 1,300 00
60. Big Dick, a man, aged 40 years, at one thousand dollars..... 1,000 00
61. Viney, woman, aged 46 years, at three hundred dollars..... 300 00
62. Laura, girl child, aged 5 years, at five hundred dollars..... 500 00
Little Charley Pemperton, boy, 8 years, bright mulatto, at eight hundred dollars..... 800 00

$53,650 00

Also, the following mules, which are separate property, viz:

354 Mule John (old) at nothing.
" Bet, at one hundred and twenty-five dollars..... $125 00
Mule Milly, at one hundred & twenty-five doll's..... 125 00
" Tom, " " " " 125 00
" Hannah, " " " " 125 00
" Rock, " " " " 125 00
" Bill Norman, " " " " 125 00
" Jane, " " " " 125 00
" Jim Dillard, " " " " 125 00
" Prince, " " " " 125 00
" Sam, " " " " 125 00
" Nelly, " " " " 125 00
" Elijah, " " " " 125 00
" Fox, " " " " 125 00
" Sucky, " " " " 125 00
" Fly, " " " " 125 00
" Mike, " " " " 125 00

" Pat, " " "		125 00
" Munday, " " "		125 00
One bay horse, Whit, at nothing.....		
One Bois d'Arc wagon, at.....		125 00
One old " " "		25 00
" mule cart.....		10 00
" carriage.....		300 00

The following described property acquired by Dr. S. W. Vance and his wife, Mary B. Gilmer, after their marriage, and which is community property, to wit, slaves, viz:

1. Reuben, man, about 26 years of age, at eighteen hundred dollars	1,800 00
355 2. Maria Ham, a woman, aged 21 years, at thirteen hundred dollars..	1,300 00
3d. Harriet, a woman, aged 21 years, at fourteen hundred dollars.....	1,400 00
4. Chany, a girl, aged 14 years, at twelve hundred dollars....	1,200 00
5. Pinckney, boy, aged about 13 years, at twelve hundred dollars.....	1,200 00
6. Amos, a boy, aged 11 years, at one thousand dollars.....	1,000 00
7. Little Jim, boy, aged 15 years, at fourteen hundred dollars	1,400 00
8. Isam, man, carpenter, aged 28 years, at two thousand dollars	2,000 00
9. Daniel, man, aged 23 years, at sixteen hundred dollars....	1,600 00
10. Big Jeff, man, aged 27 years, at sixteen hundred and fifty dollars.....	1,650 00
11. Martha, woman, aged 24 years, fourteen hundred and fifty dollars.....	1,450 00
12. Jerry, man, aged 21 years, at sixteen hundred dollars.....	1,600 00
13. Julia, woman, aged 26 years, at thirteen hundred dollars..	1,300 00
14. Enoch, boy child, aged 3 years, at three hundred dollars..	300 00
15. Toney, man, aged 33 years, at sixteen hundred dollars.....	1,600 00
16. Charlotte, woman, aged 24 years, at fourteen hundred dollars	1,400 00
17. Belle, a woman, aged 22 years, at fourteen hundred dollars	1,400 00
18. Little John, aged 10 years, at twelve hundred.....	1,200 00

356 Also the following mules and other property, acquired after the marriage, which is community property, viz:

1 mule, Mary, one hundred & fifty doll's.....		150 00
" Dilx, " " " "		150 00
" Pete, " " " "		150 00
" Bully, " " " "		150 00
" Puss, " " " "		150 00
" Mouse, " " " "		150 00
" Pink, " " " "		150 00
" Lucy, " " " "		150 00
" Queen, " " " "		150 00

" Milly, " " " "		150 00
" Rock, " " " "		150 00
" Suzam, " " " "		150 00
" Charlotte, one hundred & ninety-five doll's		195 00
" Polly, " " " "		195 00
" Sallie, " " " "		195 00
" Jimy, " " " "		195 00
" Red Bird, " " " "		195 00
" Coley, " " " "		195 00
" Kit, " " " "		195 00
" Jenny " " " "		195 00
One stallion (Heryford) three hundred doll's		300 00
About 36 head cattle, @ $5 per head		180 00
" 52 " stock hogs, @ 2.00		104 00
3,500 bushels corn, now on hand, @ 75c. p'r b'l		2,625 00
10 stacks of fodder, @ $6 p'r stack		60 00
Plantation tools, &c., four hundred doll's		400 00
One new Bois d'Arc wagon, one hundred & eighty		180 00
The household and kitchen furniture, including bedding, &c., seven hundred & fifty d'll's		750 00
357 Also 570 bales of cotton made in the year 1859, valued at thirty-five dollars per bale		$19,995 00
Also nine hundred & thirty acres of land owned in common by James W. Vance, Miss Mattie G. Gilmer, and Dr. S. W. Vance, in township twenty, range thirteen, the undivided third of which is community property between S. W. & Mary B. Vance, valued at $2.00 per acre. One-third is		$613 33⅓

RECAPITULATION.

Value of separate lands	50,416 07
" " slaves	53,650 00
" " personal estate	2,710 00
	$106,776 07
Community slaves	24,800 00
" personal estate, &c	27,909 00
" lands	613 33⅓
	$53,322 33⅓
Total value of separate estate	106,776 07
" " " community "	53,322 33⅓
Total apprais'ment	$160,098 40⅓
Total apprais'ment is one hundred and sixty thousand ninety-eight & $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars. The interest of the minors in said amount being one hundred and thirty-three thousand four hundred and thirty-seven dollars $\frac{23}{100}$	$133,437 23⅔

This apprais'ment does not include certain property in which said minors have an undivided interest, known as the Barnett property,
358 formerly held in the State of Arkansas in common by the estate or heirs of James B. Gilmer & James R. McClintock. There being no other property pointed out to be included in this procès verbal, I hereby close the same. This apprais'ment was begun on yesterday and only a memorandum kept of the property estimated, which is all included in this procès verbal as if done this day.

Thus done and passed at the Buck Hall plantation on Red River on the day of beginning, in the presence of James W. Vance & Henry V. Sentell, witnesses of lawful age, and domiciliated in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, whom I have caused to be present, and who signed this act with said parties (that is, Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor as aforesaid, and the said appraisers) & me, said recorder & notary.

(Signed) ROBT. L. GILMER.
" ELIAS O'NEIL.
" S. W. VANCE.

Attest.

(Signed) J. W. VANCE,
" H. V. SENTELL.

(Signed) AUSTIN MILLER,
Recorder & Notary Public.

On returning to my office in Bellevue, I hereto affix my seal of office to fully authenticate this procès verbal, February 25th, 1860.

(Signed) AUSTIN MILLER,
Recorder & Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed February 25th, 1860. (Signed) A. A. Abney, clerk.
(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence, & marked N, Oct. 22, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, c'k d. c.

359 Thos. M. Gilmer cross-examined by opponents, S. E. VANCE & HUSBAND:

Witness resided with his family in De Soto Parish, 20 miles south of Shreveport. Was not on the Buck Hall plantation at any time during the war. Knows nothing of what crops of corn and cotton S. W. Vance made on Buck Hall plantation during the war period. Does not know how he employed the slaves on that place during the war. Does not know what amount of cotton he had on hand during the war. A full crop of cotton was made in years 1860 & '61 by slave labor. The cotton crop of 1862 was very much diminished; but some was made. Witness, before the war, hired two men (slaves) in Shreveport, and gave for their services $200 & $225 apiece. Witness has rented out his own place on Red River since the war, for from $7 to $8 per acre. The Buck Hall plantation is a fine estate, a valuable piece of land, situated on Red River, in Bossier Parish. Land on Red River, near to Shreveport, in Bossier Parish, has been rented for ten ($10) dollars per acre since the war. Witness rented a piece of land, a part of his old place, for $6.90 per acre this year (1878). The rents of land has declined for the last few years, with the decline on price of cotton. It is two miles up the road from levee, across Bossier

Bayou, to Buck Hall plantation. Rents have declined with the price of cotton. Benoit's Bayou spoken of is at the lower end of Shady Grove place, on the road. Shady Grove place lies between Buck Hall
360 plantation & Benoit's Bayou. Kingston plantation lies back of Buck Hall, & joins Shady Grove plantation. Shady Grove and Cash Point plantation both lie between Buck Hall plantation and Benoit's Bayou, where the levee is built. This levee benefits Shady Grove place very much. At the time levee across Benoit's Bayou was built Shady Grove belonged to Walsh & Boisseau. Subsequent to that time S. W. Vance bought it. Does not of his own knowledge know what the levee on Buck Hall place cost S. W. Vance. Witness knew S. W. Vance well. S. W. Vance married a daughter of J. B. Gilmer, a relative of witness. Does not know or remember of S. W. Vance owning any property at the time of his marriage. Buck Hall plantation was always called his home. S. W. Vance married his second wife in 1860 or 1861, witness thinks. Full crops of produce were made by slave labor during the war, which were sold to C. S. Government, or pressed into the army for the use of the government. In view of the fact of emancipation it was to the interest of parties to hire out slaves, & not keep them at home; but the slaves could not be hired out for other than Confederate money.

Cross-examined by intervenors:

Before the levee was built across Benoit's Bayou the waters overflowed e back part of Buck Hall plantation, and after building of levee the back lands of Buck Hall plantation were protected by the levee. The overflow in 1866 went through the place on Buck Hall place, which S. W. Vance, in 1866, leveed; and since he built this levee Buck Hall
361 has not been overflowed. In 1866 the overflow went through Buck Hall in crop time, & also 1867. Does not know to what extent the crops were injured by the overflow, witness not being there. Where was the water in 1866 was as high as it has ever been. It was higher with him than it was in 1849.

Notarial exchange of land between S. W. Vance and his daughter Sarah E. Vance.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known that this day, in presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, before me, Seth Lewis Taylor, a duly qualified and commissioned notary public in and for the above named parish, appeared Samuel Whitfield Vance, of the parish of Bossier, who declared to me, said notary, that he has exchanged, and does these present exchange & deliver, unto Sarah E. Vance, also of said parish of Bossier, she being an emancipated minor, and relieved of all disabilities attached to minority, by a virtue of the parish court of said parish, which is specially referred to and made part of this act, and with full warranty of title and complete subrogation to all rights and actions of warranty against all former proprietors of the property herein exchanged, all and singular the following described lands, lying and being in the parish of Bossier, viz:

Beginning at the northeast corner of section 29, township nineteen (19), range 13; thence west along the section line between sections 20 and 29,

twenty-seven & $\frac{15}{100}$ chains to a stake; thence south 42° 31′ west
362 thirty & $\frac{30}{100}$ chains to a stake; thence west twenty-eight & $\frac{55}{100}$ chains to a stake; thence south 42° 30′ west to a stake on the bank of Red River, and embracing all the lands in sections 29 & 30 lying south of said descriptive lines, and containing 633 acres, more or less, and with the building and improvements thereon, forming what is known as the Shady Grove place; also the following lands, lying in Caddo Parish, and with the buildings & improvements thereon, known as a part of South Side place," viz: The northwest fractional quarter of section 31, township 19, range (13) thirteen, lying south of Red River, and containing 101 $\frac{40}{100}$ acres, more or less; the fractional southwest quarter section 30 township 19, range thirteen, south of Red River, and containing 6$\frac{90}{100}$ acres, more or less; the fractional southeast quarter of section 25, township 19, range fourteen, south of Red River, containing 36$\frac{09}{100}$ acres, more or less; the fractional northeast quarter of section 36, township 19, range 14, south of Red River, containing 70$\frac{87}{100}$ acres, more or less, and containing in all two hundred & fifteen $\frac{26}{100}$ acres. Also the following additional lands, lying and being in Caddo Parish, and known and described as follows: The south half of the southwest quarter of, and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section (14) fourteen, township nineteen, range fourteen, containing one hundred and twenty acres, more or less; all the above and foregoing containing the aggregate quantity of nine hundred and sixty-eight and $\frac{76}{100}$ acres, more or less. To have and to hold,
363 all and singular, the above described property unto the said Sarah E. Vance, her heirs and assigns forever. In consideration of the above transfer and exchange, the said Sarah E. Vance declared to me, said notary, that she has exchanged and delivered, and does, by these presents, exchange, transfer, and deliver, with full warranty of title and complete subrogation to all rights and actions of warranty against all former proprietors of the property exchanged by her, unto the said Samuel Whitfield Vance, hereto present accepting this exchange, and acknowledging the delivery the following described lands, viz: All that portion of section four, township nineteen, range fourteen, lying east of Red River, and containing 23$\frac{95}{100}$ acres, more or less; the whole of section nineteen, township nineteen, range thirteen, except that portion in the southwest corner lying west of Shreveport road, containing six hundred & twenty-three & $\frac{64}{100}$ acres, more or less; all that portion of section 20, township nineteen, range thirteen, lying west of Williams' Bayou, containing eighty-eight & $\frac{20}{100}$ acres, more or less, and lying and being in Bossier Parish. Also, the following lands lying in Caddo Parish, and described as follows: Eighty acres, more or less, of the north part of fractional section twenty-four, township nineteen, range fourteen, lying west of Red River; the northeast quarter of section twenty-three, township nineteen, range thirteen, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less, west of Red River, and containing in
364 all, in Caddo Parish, two hundred & forty acres; the whole of the above described lands, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, forming what is known as the Buck Hall plantation, and containing the aggregate quantity of nine hundred and seventy-five & $\frac{79}{100}$ acres, more or less. To have and to hold, all and singular the above described property, to the said Samuel Whitfield Vance, his heirs and assigns forever. The production of the certificate of mortgages and tax re-

ceipts is waived by both parties. The words "a part of," interlined before signing. Thus done and signed at my office, in presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, this first day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.
" SALLIE E. VANCE.
" S. L. TAYLOR,
Notary Public.

Attest:
(Signed) D. M. CALLEHAN.
" J. B. SLATTERY.

RECORDER'S OFFICE,
CADDO PARISH, LA.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original act this day filed and recorded in my office.

Given under my hand and official seal, at Shreveport, La., this first day of February, A. D. 1877.

[SEAL.] (Signed) E. W. DURANT, *Recorder.*

Filed & recorded February 10th, 1877.
(Signed) J. H. KEYSER,
D'y Recorder, Parish of Bossier.

The above is a correct copy, as taken from the record, volume 10, pages 385, 386, & 387.

365 To the hon. the parish judge of the parish court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

The petition of Sallie E. Vance, a resident of your said parish of Bossier, respectfully shows that she is above the age of eighteen years; that she believes that she is capable of managing her own affairs and is desirous of being dispensed from the time prescribed by law for attaining the age of majority, and of being relieved from all the disabilities of minority.

Petitioner further shows that her mother has long been dead, and that her father, S. W. Vance, is her tutor, and consents to her emancipation, as appears from his written assent, hereto annexed and made a part of this petition. Wherefore petitioner prays for judgment emancipating her from all the disabilities of minority and dispensing her from the time prescribed by law for attaining the age of majority, for all other necessary orders & decrees, and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for Petitioner.

I, S. W. Vance, father and duly qualified natural tutor of Sallie E. Vance, petitioner for emancipation in foregoing petition, do hereby acknowledge service of foregoing petition, and do furthermore hereby declare that I do assent to her emancipation as prayed for, and do further declare that said Sallie E. Vance is capable of managing her own affairs.

January 25th, 1877.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

366 STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Before me, the undersigned legal authority, personally came S. W. Vance, who, being duly sworn according to law, states that he *his* the father and only surviving parent of Sallie E. Vance and that she is now above the age of eighteen years.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me January 25th, 1877.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Before me, the undersigned legal authority, personally came C. McClenaghan & S. J. Ziegler, who being duly sworn, state on their oaths that they are acquainted with Sallie E. Vance and believe her to be above the age of eighteen years, and that she is fully capable of managing her own affairs.

(Sig'd) C. McCLENAGHAN.
" S. J. ZIEGLER.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 25th day of January, 1877.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Probate court for said parish & State, in chambers.

Emancipation of Sallie E. Vance, a minor.

In this matter by reason that the law and evidence are in favor of the application of said minor for her emancipation, and by further reason that S. W. Vance, her father, the only surviving parent of said
367 minor, and her natural tutor, duly qualified and acting, has filed his written assent to the emancipation of said minor, as the law requires, it is hereby ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said Sallie E. Vance be, and she hereby is, fully emancipated and relieved from all the disabilities which by law attach to minors, and that she be relieved from the time prescribed by law for attaining the age of majority, with full power to do and perform all acts she might do by law if she had attained the age of twenty-one years.

Done, read, and signed by me officially in chambers, at Bellevue, in said parish and State, this January 25th, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 25th, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c. (Endorsed:) Filed in evidence, marked O, Oct. 24th, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Testimony of B. B. Mattock.

B. B. MATTOCK, sworn on part of executrix, says he knew S. W. Vance in his life-time; has no personal acquaintance with his daughter, S. E. Vance, now Mrs. Zeigler. Witness was present when there was an exchange of mules, corn, farming utensils, &c., between S. W. Vance and S. J. Zeigler, and after marriage of the latter with S. E. Vance. The mules exchanged were on the Buck Hall and Shady Grove plantations.

368 Does not know to whom these mules that were exchanged belonged. Witness thinks that this property exchanged belonged to S. W. Vance & Mrs. S. E. Zeigler at the time of exchange. Mr. Zeigler did not claim anything. Mr. Zeigler at that time told S. W. Vance that he (Zeigler) would do anything he (Vance) wanted him to do. At the time of this exchange Mrs. S. E. Zeigler was not present; if she were on the place witness does not know it. S. W. Vance kept the mules that were on Buck Hall plantation, and Mr. Zeigler those on Shady Grove plantation; that was the exchange of mules. That was the exchange agreed on between S. W. Vance and Mr. Zeigler. W. C. Vance and witness appraised the property that was exchanged. The exchange was made on a Sunday; done as persons would do in swop'ing horses. There was no record made of the exchange, no recorder or notary present; does not think it was a final settlement. The corn and farming utensils on the two places, Buck Hall and Shady Grove, were appraised and exchanged in like manner. There was some difference in the value of the property exchanged. The parties agreed to pay it who owed it. Witness does not know who had the difference to pay; thinks there was about 20 mules on Buck Hall and not quite that number on Shady Grove. There was a sufficient number on each place to work it. Each of the places, Buck Hall and Shady Grove, was *was* worked with the farming utensils and corn on each, but witness does not think it was sufficient. Mr. Zeigler

369 is now in possession of Shady Grove plantation, and has rented it out for this year, 1878. Does not know who cultivated Shady Grove last year, but Mr. Zeigler went into possession of it some time in the year 1877, and also the mules thereon. Just before the commencement of the late war a good negro man slave would have hired out for $200 per annum, a good woman slave for $150 per annum, and an inferior one for something less. At public auction, on block good hands, slaves, would have hired out for $200 apiece p'r annum, and inferior hands, slaves, for something less. The hire of slaves just before the war was higher than it had been previous. The place witness was on in 1866 went under water. Thinks Buck Hall was pretty well protected in 1866 by levees. Witness does not know that Buck Hall did not go under water in 1866. The water was very high that year; considered a general overflow. The highest stage of water in 1866 was on the 10th of May, 1866. Witness' knowledge of Buck Hall is & was obtained from passing in front of it down the road. Knows Williams Bayou, on Buck Hall; it is now leveed. Thinks it was leveed after high water in 1866.

Cross-examined by S. E. VANCE et al., opponents:

All the mules, corn, and farming utensils when Zeigler received the exchange were on the "Shady Grove" place on the 1st of February, 1877. And all the mules, corn, & farming utensils S. W. Vance received

370 were on the Buck Hall plantation on 1st of February, 1877. The mules, corn, and farming utensils just remained on the plantations as they were. W. C. Vance and witness were selected to appraise the mules, corn, &c., to ascertain the difference in value. Does not know to whom these mules belonged. A good mule, if taken care of, will last (15) fifteen years; has known some to last for twenty years. If mules are not taken care of they will not last five years. Slaves just before the war hired out for more than they hired out previously. Witness has just had read to him the names, sex, ages, and valuation of slaves mentioned in the document already filed in evidence, and marked "N," which document "N" is the inventory in the tutorship of the minors J. B. G. & S. E. Vance, and he states that the following named slaves would have hired out for the following amounts per annum before the war, viz: Granville, a man, for $200; Hannah, for $150; little Jeff., for $100; Frank Carpenter, for $200; Emily, for $150; Suzannah, for $150; Solomon, for $125; Sallie, for $125; Henry Harrison, for $150; Rose, for $150; Dave, for $150; Aleck White, for $150; little Charley, for $200; Henritta, for $150; Ben, for $50; Rachel, for 150; Stephen, for $100; little Tom, for $25; little Aleck, for $100; little Wash., for $200; big Maria, for $75; little Sol., for $75; Peachy, for $75; Rosin, for $200; Bob Jenkins, for $200; old Tom, for $25; little Dick, for 200; Henry, for $200; big Jim, for $75; Maj. Charles, for $200; Jesse, for
371 $150; Primus, for $200; Reuben, for $75; Lavinia, for $150; big Dick, for $150. Witness has lived on Red River in Louisiana for the last 27 years; with the exception of (4) four years he was in the war. He is now and has been for time mentioned engaged in managing plantations. Since the war some of the lands on Red River have been leased out, and some have not been, but worked by owners. The best land in witness' neighborhood rented out this year, 1878, for seven (7) dollars per acre per annum. Witness has paid as high as eleven dollars p'r acre rent for land since the war. Witness at the present time lives about three (3) miles from Buck Hall.

Buck Hall has the reputation of being a very valuable plantation. Witness has never been on it. It is a large place and well improved, it so appears to witness from the road in front of it. Taking the rents and years altogether, Buck Hall plantation would have rented for, on an average, of from six to seven dollars p'r acre p'r annum; perhaps it might have rented for more or less. Witness means the cleared lands only. Does not think that all the cleared land on Buck Hall would rent for $7 an acre p'r annum now, but some of it would rent for more than $7 p'r acre.

Re-examined by executrix:

The rate of rent per acre fixed by witness in his cross-examination applies only to cleared, cultivatable land. It was to the interest of
372 slave-owners, who owned a similar number as that mentioned in inventory of tutorship of J. B. & S. E. Vance, already referred to, and in which one-third is under age of 10 years, to keep them all together on the place and not hire them out. Previous to the war planters on Red River, who owned slaves and places, kept them on the places and worked them, & did not hire them out.

Testimony of W. C. Vance.

By executrix:

W. C. VANCE, sworn on part of executrix, says:

He knew S. W. Vance in his life-time, and knows all the parties to this suit; assisted in the apprais'ment of the personal and movable property exchanged between S. W. Vance and Mr. Zeigler, and was requested to do so by S. W. Vance & Mr. Zeigler. Does not know for whom Mr. Zeigler acted in this exchange. This exchange took place soon after the marriage between Mr. S. J. Zeigler & Miss S. E. Vance. The object of the apprais'ment was to ascertain the money value of the property on the Buck Hall and Shady Grove plantations, and the difference was to be paid by the party getting the most valuable property. A further object of this exchange was to save the trouble of moving the mules, corn, & farming utensils from the one place to the other. The property exchanged was corn, mules, wagons, and farming utensils. Something was said about furniture. Mr. Zeigler insisted upon having the furniture on Shady Grove appraised, but S. W. Vance said no; that it amounted to a very little any way. Witness' understanding was that Buck Hall and the moveable
373 property thereon belonged to S. E. Vance, daughter of S. W. Vance. He understood this both from S. W. Vance and Mr. Zeigler on the day the exchange was made. The property on Shady Grove at that time belonged to S. W. Vance. There were between 16 & 20 mules on each place, exchanged on the day of the exchange—not less than sixteen nor more than twenty. Does not of his own knowledge know the difference of the property exchanged, but was told by Mr. Zeigler that there was a very small difference. At the time of the exchange the mules and farming utensils on each place, including those of the freedmen were sufficient to work it; but there was not enough corn on Buck Hall, not more than 250 bushels. There was considerably more corn on Shady Grove. Since the death of S. W. Vance, or since a short time after his (Zeigler's) marriage, he (Zeigler) has had control of and been in possession of Shady Grove place up to the present time. Mr. Zeigler lives there now with his family. He, Zeigler, has added two rooms to the dwelling on Shady Grove place, painted and fixed it up generally. Mr. Zeigler has also possession of Plain-dealing place. Knows that Mr. Zeigler is in possession of 200 acres of South Side place, opposite Shady Grove, and 108 acres of swamp land on Caddo side of Red River (which 108 acres are nearly worthless). Immediately after the war Buck Hall would have rented for $5,000 per
374 annum, and now it would not rent for more than $2,500 per annum. On an average Buck Hall would have rented for about $3,500 per annum from the close of the war up to the present. In years 1866 & 1867 the crops on Buck Hall, from the worms and overflows, were almost entire failures. S. W. Vance since the war spent money in ditching & building levees on Buck Hall, and putting a flat-boat in the river for use of Buck Hall. Does not know how much he so spent. Thinks Mrs. Mary B. Vance, first wife of S. W. Vance, died in fall of 1859, & S. W. Vance in May of 1877. Thinks it was to the interest of slave-owners, where there was a large number of them, women and children, to keep them together and not hire them out. The exchange referred to above of movable property was after marriage between S. J. Zeigler and Sallie E.

Vance. The opponent, S. E. Vance, witness understands was born in Decem., 1858, therefore not now 21 years old. The building of the levee across Benoit's Bayou protected Buck Hall and the places above. Before the levee was built across Benoit's Bayou, back lands of Buck Hall were injured by overflows; since, these lands have been protected by the levee. S. E. Vance was at school at Natchitoches for 4 or more years, and also 3 or 4 years at Nazareth, Ky.

Examined by intervenors:

Witness knows that the signature, S. W. Vance, to the note now
375 handed him is in the handwriting and genuine signature of S. W. Vance, deceased, and that the signature of S. E. Vance, executrix, accepting said note is the genuine signature of S. E. Vance, executrix.

Cross-examined by opponents:

Witness understood that prior to the exchange of the movable property mentioned above, there had been an exchange of plantations between S. W. Vance and his daughter, Mrs. Zeigler, prior to her marriage. In this exchange Mrs. Zeigler received the place known as Shady Grove, & S. W. Vance the one known as Buck Hall. Mrs. Zeigler received the mules and other effects on Shady Grove place, & S. W. Vance the mules and effects on Buck Hall place, as they were at the time of the exchange of these places. The exchange of the mules and other effects was made after the exchange of the places. Thinks this exchange of movables, &c., would not have been made if there had not been an exchange of places. The exchange of mules and other personal effects was a sequence to the exchange of plantations. If there had been no exchange of plantations there would not have been any of mules & personal effects. Witness owns the plantation above and adjoining Buck Hall. At the close of the war there was probably 50 acres more cleared land on witness's than on Buck Hall place. At close of the war there were about 600 acres of cleared land in Buck Hall, and 650 acres of cleared land on witness's plantation, to the best of his knowledge.

376 The soil on the two places are of the same quality and fertility. The improvements on each were pretty much the same. Witness' place was rented out after the war for years 1866, 1867, & 1868 by private contract and private lease to S. W. Vance, tutor of S. E. Vance, & Wm. Haynes for $5,000 per annum in gold. The rent of $5,000 was in gold. For year 1869 it was leased out at public auction for $3,900, to best of witness' knowledge, to same parties. The McCalla place was leased out soon after the war for $10 or $12 per acre per annum. This place is in the same neighborhood as witness'. The improvements on the McCalla place were no better than those on Buck Hall place, and the land no more productive. Other lands were rented in witness' neighborhood, but does not remember at what rents. Witness has heard the testimony of B. B. Mattock in regard to the hire of slaves just before the war, he agrees with him (Mattock) as to the hire of slaves before the war, and now gives himself the same testimony on same subject. S. W. Vance told witness that he sold to Dr. Ball in Shreveport (600) six hundred bales of cotton, and for some of that cotton he received 7½c. in gold per pound; cannot say that was the price per pound S. W. Vance received for all of said six hundred bales of cotton. S. W. Vance sold some cotton for as much as 31c.

per pound in gold, and he shipped other cotton to Liverpool. Can-
377 not say the number of bales. These statements were made to wit-
ness by S. W. Vance after the war, in conversation had with him by witness. S. W. Vance also told witness that he had lost $40,000 in his entire farming interest in 1866 & 1867. During the years 1866 & 1867 S. W. Vance managed & run the following places: Buck Hall, Batchelor's Misery, same owned by witness, Plaindealing, Coushatta, & Cuba, which last witness considers a part of Coushatta.

Examined on part of intervenors:

Concerning these six hundred bales of cotton sold to Dr. Ball, there was a discussion as to whether or not Dr. Vance ought to let Dr. Ball have them. The cotton had been delivered before witness heard the discussion. For some of this cotton Dr. Vance got 7½ cents per pound in gold. Does not know whether that was the price per pound he got for the whole of it or not. This delivery of the cotton to Dr. Ball occurred just after the war. Did not learn from S. W. Vance what portion of the 600 bales of cotton sold to Dr. Ball, for which he received 7½ cents per pound in gold, but heard Dr. Vance say that Dr. Ball had made a fortune off those 600 bales cotton. Did not learn from S. W. Vance what portion of those 600 bales were made on the minor's property, & what on his own. Coushatta place belonged to Dr. Vance during the war, and he cultivated it during the
war. Heard S. W. Vance say he had sold cotton during the war
378 to the Confederate States Government. Did not learn the number of
bales. The whole of the State of Louisiana was controlled by military authority during the year 1865. The military orders reached to the contract of freedmen on plantations. Witness has been personally interested in planting, and had personal cognizance of Red River land since 1870 up to the present time. His personal experience is, that more persons have lost money rather than made money. This applies as well to proprietors of land as to tenants. In evidence of that fact, nearly all of them have to go in debt for their necessary supplies.

Cross-examined by opponents, S. E. VANCE et al.:

Since the war S. W. Vance lost money in cultivating the Coushatta place. Does not know whether he lost any in cultivating it during the war. Does not think Coushatta overflowed during the war. It is much better protected now by levees than it was during the war. Thinks it has been overflowed and damaged more or less every year since the war, or surrender.

Testimony of Mrs. M. G. Kennedy.

Mrs. M. G. KENNEDY, sworn on part of executrix, says:

Mary B. Vance, deceased, was her sister. Has often seen her write, but does not remember ever seeing her name. Witness is entirely familiar
with her handwriting, and from her knowledge of her handwriting,
379 is certain that the document presented her is entirely written, dated
and signed in the handwriting of her sister, Mary B. Vance, deceased.

Cross-examined by opponents, S. E. VANCE et al.:

J. B. G. Vance was the oldest child of her sister, Mary B. Gilmer, deceased. When she, Mary B. Gilmer, she left two children, J. B. G. & Sallie E. Vance. Sallie E. Vance, now Mrs. Zeigler, was an infant at the death of her mother, Mary E. Vance.

Testimony of W. J. Fish.

W. J. FISH, sworn on part of executrix, says:

He has been living on Red River since 1865, & has been in Bossier & Caddo Parishes since 1858. Knows that the most of Buck Hall plantation, which is situated in Bossier Parish, overflowed in 1866 & 1867. In 1866 & 1867 the overflows commenced in April, and did not go off the land sooner than June in the same years. Buck Hall was overflowed by backwater running upon it from Willow Chute, Benoit's and Williams Bayou. The leveeing of Benoit's & Williams Bayou very materially protected Buck Hall from overflows. Williams Bayou, until it was leveed, washed Buck Hall very much. The large wash in Buck Hall, created in 1849, the waters ran through from the bayous above mentioned has washed it very materially. Knows nothing of the price of building levees. He had some built himself by the hands of the place, and supposes the levees on Buck Hall were built likewise.

380 In 1866 & 1867 the crops on Red River, in Bossier Parish, were almost an entire failure. Thinks most of the planters on Red River have lost instead of made money since the war by planting. It would have been to the interest of persons who owned a like number of slaves as those mentioned in the inventory of the tutorship of J. B. G. & S. E. Vance, in which one-third were under the age of 10 years, to keep them together on the place, and not hire them out. If planters had planted the cotton they were allowed to plant, & held it until close of the war, they would have made some money during the war period. Does not know whether or not the confederate authorities pressed cotton during the war. Witness was not here.

Cross-examined by opponents, S. E. VANCE et al.:

Witness heard that part of the testimony of B. B. Matlock in this case which refers to the hire of slaves just before the war, and concurs in the same, and gives now the same testimony himself on that subject in regard to the hire of slaves. The place of W. C. Vance, adjoining Buck Hall, was rented for $5,000 per annum in gold, and the McCalla place, which contains three hundred and fifty acres of open land, three miles above Buck Hall, rented for twelve dollars & fifty cents per acre per annum. Buck Hall was at that time equal in value & improvements to the W. C. Vance place. Witness rented the Douglas place in 1866, for ten dollars p'r acre per annum in gold.

381 Douglas place is much inferior to the Buck Hall place, because it is much lower and more subject to overflow. In 1867 John Pickett and witness rented the Douglas place, together with some six or ten mules, for $5,000. In 1868 witness rented it himself for two dollars & fifty c'ts per acre, and the owner was not to get any pay if there was an overflow. In 1869 witness paid thirteen hundred dollars for Douglas place, and in 1870 six hun-

dred dollars for it. Douglas place overflowed every year until 1870; sometimes twice a year. Witness rented this year (1878) Red River back land for from four & a half to five dollars per acre. In 1866 & 1867 laborers were paid from ten to fifteen dollars per month, and fed and medicated in addition. In 1868 they were paid one-third of the corn & cotton, and in 1869 they received one-third of crops and were fed, which last rate lasted till 1871. After 1871 laborers received one-half of the crops, and paid from fifty dollars to twenty-five dollars per annum rent apiece for mules. Slave labor employed in making cotton during the war was very profitable if the cotton could be held. Does not know the contract S. W. Vance made with the laborers on Buck Hall plantation. As a general thing, those who rented out their places made more money than those who cultivated them since the war. Planting is now and has been since the war very hazardous. Large sums have been lost.

Re-examined by executrix:

382 Since the war security was given for rent in some cases, and in some none was given for rent of places. Thinks the average rent per acre per annum for Buck Hall since 1866 would be about ($7) seven dollars. W. C. Vance's place was as subject to overflow as Buck Hall. The water came from same source. In 1866 there was a large levee in front of W. C. Vance's place; same is there now, and to the best of witness' knowledge same levee in front of Buck Hall now was there in 1866, except levee across Williams Bayou, which was built in 1867, in the fall.

Cross-examined by opponents:

There was in 1866 a continuous levee in front of the W. C. Vance & Buck Hall plantations down to the lower end of Buck Hall. The same levee now in front of Buck Hall was there in 1866, so witness thinks.

Testimony of R. C. Cummings.

R. C. CUMMINGS, sworn on part of executrix, states:

He was at or near Shreveport during the year 1865, and from April, 1862, up to the present time. During the war the planting interest on Red River in Bossier Parish was very much under military control, and planters on large plantations were restricted and allowed to plant only 30 acres in cotton. The owners of cotton were influenced to sell cotton on account of published and threatening impressment;

383 some of them voluntarily sold cotton to the government; knows at one time during the war a seizure of one-half the cotton was threatened; knows of some orders procured through Governor Allen that protected several thousand bales of cotton that belonged to other parties; protected it (the cotton) from the confederate government. Some time about June, 1865, Kirby Smith dismissed the military authority under him at Shreveport, and very soon after he left Shreveport General Herron, of the U. S. Army, came to Shreveport and took command. After General Herron arrived his authority prevailed; no person could ship cotton unless he had a permit from U. S. authorities. The military authority required the seizure of all cotton called or marked or sold to the C. S. Government. Where parties could make the proof satisfactory that they had not sold their cotton to the confederacy they got permis-

sion to ship, but the military authority was very hard to satisfy in that proof. When parties first commenced shipping cotton the tax on it was one-fourth of the cotton; it was very soon reduced to 3 cents per pound. There was a great deal of difficulty in shipping cotton to New Orleans in 1865. The confederate military authority during the war had burnt the cotton on Red River up as far as George Robinson's place, which is 35 to 45 miles below Shreveport by land and 70 miles by water. The Federals reached the battle of Mansfield 1864, which was some 50 miles below Shreveport. Baled cotton during the war was very uncertain
384 property, on account of impressments, threatened raids, & burning. At the time of the battle of Mansfield there was a threatened invasion from the north by U. S. General Steele, and Gen'l Kirby Smith made some arrangements to meet this invasion. The State & military confederate authorities required of all the planters slaves for various purposes. A man situated as S. W. Vance, on the Buck Hall plantation, could not, with slave labor, make it profitable during the war, considering slave labor, insecurity of the cotton and the currency. S. W. Vance could not have hired out the slaves during the war for any other than confederate currency. In a lot of 63 negroes, and of which one-third were under the age of ten years, it was more to the interest of the owner to keep them at home and not hire them out. Was in Shreveport and vicinity & in Bossier Parish from immediately after the war to the present time. Immediately after the war Shreveport was the point at which all cotton was sold and shipped from this part of the country. U. S. General Herron took military possession of the country just before middle of June, 1865. Immediately after the war cotton sold for from 15 to 17 cents per pound, so witness understands. He understood that it was bought by General Herron & J. A. Stevenson. Cotton during winter of 1865 & 1866 sold for from 50 to 60 cents per pound in New Orleans. Witness had sold at least one thousand bales at that price; cannot say what cotton was
385 selling for or worth in Bossier Parish in July or August, 1865. Immediately after the war J. A. Stevenson purchased cotton in Shreveport at from 15 to 17 cents per pound, so witness understood. J. A. Stevenson shipped after the war about ten thousand (10,000) bales of cotton, the most of which he purchased during the war. Immediately after the war the freight on cotton was ten (10) dollars per bale; afterwards it was as high as twenty-five (25) dollars. Cotton was then insured and valued at $250 per bale; it was usually insured for more than its real value. The first tax on cotton was one-fourth of it; this lasted for 30 days after General Herron arrived at Shreveport. The next tax on cotton was 3c. per pound, and this lasted for one year.

Cross-examined by opponents:

Knew S. W. Vance very well; he came from South Carolina to Louisiana & settled in Bossier Parish. He (Vance) married M. B. Gilmer, daughter of J. B. Gilmer, in December of year 1854, so witness thinks. Vance must have had some property when he married M. B. Gilmer, for he had been practicing medicine. Thinks he had been practicing medicine 2 years before he married M. B. Gilmer. At the time of his marriage S. W. Vance owned no real estate, to witness' knowledge. Witness does not know of S. W. Vance owning any personal property at the time of his first marriage. When S. W. Vance came to Louisiana he brought no

property that witness knows of. After his first marriage S. W.
386 Vance settled at Buck Hall, and continued to reside there up to May, 1877, with the exception of time he lived on Plaindealing. After he married M. B. Gilmer S. W. Vance did not continue to practice medicine generally. Knows nothing of S. W. Vance's planting operations & management on Buck Hall and elsewhere. Buck Hall is considered to be a fine plantation, and before the war 400 bales of cotton was an average crop per annum for it. Thinks 400 bales a fair average. Full crops were made in 1859 & 1860 in Bossier Parish and throughout the country generally. Is not positive whether or not the war interfered with the production of the crop in 1861. There was a great deal of cotton in this part of the country at the close of the war. Witness had on hand of his own and under his control for other persons at the close of the war between three thousand and four thousand bales of cotton. Also assisted other persons in getting their cotton through the military authorities at Shreveport. There was some cotton raised during the war; thinks every plantation raised more or less. The C. S. Government limited the number of acres to be planted on large plantations to 30 acres; this is witness' impression. Knows the Isaac Lay place and its location. Isaac Lay died & Elias O'Neil was appointed tutor of his minor children, so witness understood. The place is one or one and a half miles from Buck Hall. Does not know of his own knowledge that E. O'Neil made cotton on the Lay place and held it, and after the war sold it for gold. Knows that Mr. Dickson
387 had a large quantity of cotton on hand at close of the war. Does not know the number of bales. The Lake place is some five or six miles above Buck Hall, on Red River, & owned by M. Dickson's estate. John Pickett rented the Shady Grove place from J. M. Sandige for 3 years for $3,300 per annum in gold. For the last 3 or 4 years witness rented Chalk Levee place, of which there are about 1,000 acres in cultivation, for 3,760 per annum. Witness and the owner of Chalk Levee place were tolerably good friends. The middle part, with the improvements and gin-house of Chalk Levee, has lately been sold to Dr. Clay, of Shreveport, and on it there are between 550 & 600 acres of cleared land, for which witness has promised to pay a rent of $6,000 for this year, 1878; but it was in the contract, and part of the consideration of the contract of sale to Dr. Clay, that witness should pay that rent. Witness considers three thousand dollars a large rent for same land. Does not know whether or not the order the C. S. government, in regard to the quantity of land to be planted, was observed throughout the country. Does not know if S. W. Vance observed or complied with this order, nor what part of his land he planted in cotton during the war period. There was some cotton raised every year during the war throughout the country so far as witness knows. The principal crops made during the war were corn. They were full—that is, the plantations were planted mostly every year in
388 corn. The negroes were held in slavery, and worked on the plantations till the close of the war, in 1865.

Re-examined by executrix:

Plantations generally deteriorated & diminished in value when leased out to tenants.

Recalled on part of executrix:

Personally knew M. B. Vance, the first wife of S. W. Vance. Does not recollect of ever seeing her write, but must have, because he spent several summers at her fathers. Can't say positively that the document now shown him is in the handwriting of M. B. Vance; but is inclined to believe it is. Believes that the whole document is dated, written, and signed in the handwriting of Mary B. Vance.

Re-examined by opponents:

Is not able to fix any time and place at which he say Mary B. Vance write and sign her name. Does not recollect of ever corresponding with her by letter. Does not recollect of seeing her corresponding with other persons.

Testimony of P. R. Gilmer.

P. R. GILMER, sworn on part of executrix, says he knew Mary B. Vance, and was as well acquainted with her as if she had been his own child. Does not recollect of ever seeing her write and sign her name. Lived in Bossier parish all the war period, and about 7 miles from S. W. Vance, Coushatta place. Does not know for certain what crops were raised on it during the war; but the section of the country in
389 which he resided the principal crops raised were corn.

Cross-examined by opponents:

Witness was the under tutor of S. E. Vance, the opponent, and approved, as her under tutor, the 1st annual account of her natural tutor, S. W. Vance, and examined the vouchers supporting the same; examined them thoroughly; had three days to do it in. Witness thought if the tutor could show vouchers, although in excess of the revenue of the minor, that it was all right, & for that reason he approved this account showing a balance due by the minor, S. E. Vance, to her tutor, S. W. Vance. There were two of the 8th annual accounts of S. W. Vance, tutor, and the vouchers supporting them, that I approved without examining them. Approved them on the representation of S. W. Vance that they were all right. He examined all the others and the vouchers supporting same; one of the two accounts that witness approved without examining was the last one. It was his impression that the tutor had the right to take the capital & pay off with it the balances in excess of revenues, as shown in the first annual account. On this supposition he, as under tutor, approved the first annual account, and on same supposition he approved all the other annual accounts. So far as the proceeds of the crops raised on Buck Hall were concerned he had no evidence or vouchers of the account of the proceeds; he only had the statement of S. W. Vance. He may have seen account sales, but does
390 not recollect. Does not think that S. W. Vance, tutor, ever presented him with % sales of crops that were raised on Buck Hall plantation.

Recross-examined by executrix:

At the time S. W. Vance came to witness to approve one of the accounts he approved without examining, he, S. W. Vance, had a bundle of vouchers; this was the time Vance came to witness house. The other account he approved without examining, he approved in Bellevue, La., &

witness thinks that S. W. Vance had vouchers to this one; but does not recollect of seeing them. At the time was in Bellevue, S. W. Vance came to Bellevue to make a settlement. Witness was with S. W. Vance in Shreveport during the war on one occasion, and thinks S. W. Vance sold some cotton to Dr. Ball. Witness thinks he was present. Thinks it was a considerable number of bales, but cannot tell the exact number. There was no other but confederate currency during the war, and presumes from this fact, that Dr. Ball paid S. W. Vance for this cotton in confederate currency. Has no doubt of it. Does not know where this cotton Dr. Vance sold Dr. Ball came from. Witness only knows it was cotton S. W. Vance had in his possession. Did not, as under tutor, at the time object to the sale of the cotton by S. W. Vance to Dr. Ball. Thought S. W. Vance had a right to sell if it were the minor's, and account for it; in fact did not know to whom it belonged.

391 *Testimony of R. Y. Graves.*

R. Y. GRAVES, sworn on part of executrix, says:

That he knew M. B. Vance in her life-time; married her sister; has seen her write and sign her name. From his knowledge of her handwriting believes that the document now presented him is in the handwriting of M. B. Vance—date, body, & signature. Witness married in Bossier Parish 1857, and has been living here ever since, with the exception of the year 1858. Was here during the war period. Knows S. W. Vance's Coushatta place; it was worked by him during the war. There was another portion of the Coushatta place that belonged to heirs of J. B. Gilmer, which was worked by Vance also during the war. S. W. Vance made considerable cotton during the war on this place. Does not think it exceeded 200 bales at the close of the war. There were between 250 & 300 acres of cleared land on that part of Coushatta plantation that belonged to S. W. Vance and cultivated by him. Cuba place contained 900 acres, and thinks there were 200 acres of it cleared and in cultivation the second year of the war. Knows S. W. Vance sold to Dr. Ball one hundred bales of cotton during the war, for confederate money. Is not certain, but thinks this cotton was delivered off the Coushatta place. Knows that Dr. S. W. Vance sold cotton to Dr. Ball after the war; this was in 1865.

392 Does not know from which place it came, the price, nor number of bales. After the war, on account of the $20,000 clause in President Johnson's proclamation, Federal seizures, and the great apprehension of confiscation, all persons in the country felt uncertain about holding cotton. So great was this uncertainty, that S. W. & J. W. Vance and witness went to Shreveport and got Geo. Williamson, esqr., to make applications for pardons, and they obtained the pardons. They got this pardon in 1865, very quick after making the application. In December of 1865, or spring of 1866, 200 bales of witness' cotton was seized by Federal authorities, and he went immediately to Shreveport and showed his pardon, and the seizure was released. The condition of the country immediately after the war cause' cotton to greatly decrease in value or price. Immediately after the war witness and S. W. Vance each sold sixty bales of cotton for a bit a pound, in gold. To witness, planting with slaves during the war was not profitable. The planters of Bossier & Caddo

parishes raised crops of corn mostly under order of confederate government. As a general thing the planters were allowed to plant only enough cotton to keep the seed in the country. The confederate government levied and received tithes of the crops during the war. This was in addition to the money-tax levied and paid to the confederate government. It is a general impression that when places are rented out they go more or less to destruction; the value therefore decreases. Before and up to the close of the war witness managed and controlled a
393 large number of slaves. It was to the interest of the owners of the slaves who owned as many as sixty-three (63), and in which one-third were under ten years of age, to keep them at home and not to hire them out. Knows that the second wife of S. W. Vance had a plantation and slaves on it in the State of Alabama, but does not know or remember the disposition thereof. Knows that Dr. S. W. Vance brought some of them to Louisiana after his second marriage. S. W. Vance bought some slaves after the death of his first wife, and put most of them on the Coushatta place. Knows he bought one negro boy at least, and put him on Buck Hall. Knows he bought in South Carolina and Virginia slaves during life-time of his first wife and put them on the places. The receipt signed by S. W. Vance, tutor, for $12,000, of date March 17th, 1864, was for property received from J. W. Vance, executor of G. E. Gilmer's estate, for property divided in kind. Included were cotton lands. This was property not embraced in the notarial act of partition of G. E. Gilmer's estate. J. W. Vance, exc't'r of G. E. Gilmer's estate, under military restraint, sold some of the cotton belonging to said estate. confederate money was the only currency in use during the war, and as that declined in value, property consequently rose. The lowest price witness sold cotton for immediately after the war was not above 12½ cents per pound; possibly he may have sold some for 7½ cents per pound. Is inclined to believe it is the lower rather than the higher price.

394 Cross-examined by opponents:

The family Bible of S. W. Vance and the record therein in S. W. Vance' handwriting shows that S. W. Vance was married to Mary B. Gilmer 12th December, 1854. It further shows that S. W. Vance was married to Sallie Eliza Gayle on the 4th of April, 1861. It further shows that James B. G. Vance was born on the 14th of September, 1856. It further shows that Sarah Eliza Vance was born on 4th of November, 1858. It further shows that M. B. Vance, wife of S. W. Vance, departed this life on 15th day of October, 1859. It further shows that Jas. B. G. Vance, son of S. W. Vance and Mary B. Gilmer, departed this life May the 18th, 1877. It further shows that Sallie E. Vance and S. J. Zeigler were married the 13th of February, 1877. The signature "S. W. Vance, tutor," to the receipt filed in evidence and marked 1, is in the handwriting of S. W. Vance. Witness is well acquainted with handwriting of S. W. Vance. The property mentioned in partition of succession of G. E. Gilmer was estimated at its real value, not confederate currency value. The corn and fodder mentioned in the receipt referred to above was on two different places, viz, Bee Bend and Plaindealing. These places had been up to commencement of the war making six hundred bales of cotton. Thinks there ought to have been made on them in 1863 about three thousand bushels of corn;

if this corn were sold in 1864 it would have been for confederate currency.

395 Thinks that corn was worth at the close of the war one dollar per bushel. All persons during the war were raising meat hogs more than sufficient to run them; had some for sale. Think twenty thousand pounds of meat per annum would have been sufficient for Bee Bend and Plaindealing plantations. There was a very good share of cattle on Bee Bend and Plaindealing. Witness thinks that his part, one-third of the cotton of G. E. Gilmer's estate, was one hundred and sixty (160) bales, and S. W. Vance received same amount from same estate. At the end of the war, witness & S. W. Vance each had this cotton in possession. P. R. Gilmer, of Alabama, willed a part of his estate to J. B. G. & S. E. Vance, M. G. Gilmer, witness' wife, and E. L. Gilmer. S. W. Vance & witness, in the winter of 1860 & 1861, went to Alabama and brought out to Louisiana the personal property and slaves willed to witness' wife and J. B. G. & S. E. Vance, minors of Mary B. Vance. They brought out twenty-five or thirty head of horses, two or three old wagons, and of which Vance received one-third. Thinks that the interest S. W. Vance received, not including slaves, was worth between eight hundred & one thousand dollars. Witness received same amount in notes, bonds, and evidences of debt from P. R. Gilmer's estate that S. W. Vance did. Witness sold out his interest in these notes, bonds, &c., in Alabama. He sold some West Point bonds at between eighty & one hundred cents on the dollar. The amount of West Point bonds witness received was

396 not more than one thousand dollars, which was one-third of the whole. The Florida R. Road bonds witness received were disposed of at a great discount. Does not think they sold for more than two bits on the dollar. He received of Florida Railroad bonds about five hundred dollars. The copper bonds he could not dispose of at any price. The principal part or the greater part of the bonds received were the copper bonds. Witness got two notes, one on Judge Keys and the other on Goldworth; both amounted to two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, which he collected in full; of the notes received by S. W. Vance one was his own for about six thousand dollars. S. W. Vance told witness that P. R. Gilmer had lent him that amount and took his note for it. The consideration of this note was money loaned by P. G. Gilmer, of Alabama, to S. W. Vance. This note was among the assets of P. R. Gilmer when he died, & was received by S. W. Vance as a part of the estate, coming to his minors from P. R. Gilmer's estate. The cattle received by S. W. Vance, tutor, from succession of G. E. Gilmer was one-third of between sixty and one hundred head, and they were worth ten (10) dollars p'r head, or less. S. W. Vance bought of M. G. Gilmer a tract of land in Caddo Parish of three hundred and fifty-four acres, and gave for it the appraisement put upon it in the partition. Witness does not know of any means he had of paying for this land, unless it was from the revenues of his minor's property.

397 S. W. Vance, as tutor, and witness made an exchange of land, in which witness gave all the interest in Cuba place (900 acres), one-third interest in Plaindealing, and one-third interest in eighty or one hundred acres of land for four hundred and sixty acres of land, the interest of S. W. Vance minors in Bee Bend plantation. Witness also gave in ad-

dition his note for three thousand dollars in gold, which he paid after the war, with interest thereon, to S. W. Vance. This exchange was made by request of parties. An appraisement of the property was made by James Marks & G. W. Sentell. About the same time this exchange was made S. W. Vance purchased M. G. Gilmer's interest in the Coushatta place already mentioned. At the close of the war witness had about four hundred bales of cotton, including that received from estate G. E. Gilmer. He was behind on cotton; reason was he conformed to military authorities more than other persons. Heard S. W. Vance say he had on hand at close of the war seven hundred bales of cotton. Witness told S. W. Vance that he had beaten him (witness) on cotton; that he (Vance) had planted more during the war. Knows Buck Hall; considers it a fine estate. The average cotton crop raised per annum on Buck Hall before the war was five hundred bales. There was full cotton crop made in 1859, and an average one in 1860, and a full one in 1861. Every person in 1862
398 made more or less cotton, not a full crop, however. From seven and a half to eight dollars per annum was a fair rent for Buck Hall plantation from close of the war to January, 1877. In partition of J. B. Gilmer's estate witness' wife received "Egypt plantation," Mattie G. Gilmer "Kingston plantation," and M. B. Gilmer Buck Hall plantation. Kingston lies east of and adjoins Buck Hall plantation. William Haynes oversaw Kingston plantation for many years for M. G. Gilmer; other lands were received by each of the heirs of J. B. Gilmer in the partition of his succession. Each one of the heirs received with her plantation mentioned above the slaves, mules, and other personal effects upon them at the time of the act of partition. The reason why lands were not rented out before the war was that the proprietors thought it more profitable to work them. Knows of no Red River plantation being rented out before the war. ("Receipt marked 1. See p. 449.")

Re-examined by executrix:

The Plaindealing place was inherited from the estate of G. E. Gilmer by witness' wife, M. G. Gilmer, and minor heirs of M. B. Vance. At the date of the receipt, 17th May, 1864, such articles as therein mentioned could only have been sold for confederate currency. The corn mentioned in this receipt could not have been kept till the close of the war without being more or less damaged by *weavles*, &c.
399 The confederate government took all the meat and corn the planters could spare. Witness understands that portion of the land received by S. W. Vance, tutor, from estate of P. R. Gilmer, in Alabama, is still on hand unsold. Does not remember exact amount of note signed by S. W. Vance in favor of P. R. Gilmer, of Alabama. Does not recollect whether or not, at time of division (in 1861), it had any credit on it. Does not know whether or not S. W. Vance signed this note before or after the death of Mary B. Vance. S. W. Vance did not sell the bonds he, as tutor, received from estate of P. R. Gilmer while he was in Montgomery, Ala., with witness in 1861. The railroads in which these stocks were, were, at close of the war, bankrupt. The copper-mine company failed in 1861. Witness thinks E. Y. Fair was solvent in 1861 for a note of eleven hundred and sixty-six dollars. Never heard of his being bankrupt during the war. W. J. & A. E. Fuller's financial condition at close

of war witness cannot tell anything about. The only Thomas Williams he knew was a judge, and was not good for two notes of six hundred and sixty-six dollars each in 1861. Judge Thomas Williams did not pay his debts. Thinks Judge Thos. Williams is the only Thos. Williams that had dealings with P. R. Gilmer. S. J. Carraway was good for five hundred dollars in 1861. Thinks a note of W. H. Wilkerson for two thousand dollars would have been doubtful in 1861. He was a mer-
400 chant tailor in Montgomery, Alabama. Possibly this note could have been collected in full. Does not know whether or not this is the Wilkerson who was indebted to P. R. Gilmer's estate. Witness thinks the division of the notes, stocks, &c., of P. R. Gilmer's estate occurred in spring of 1861. The war commenced in 1861 in spring; heard news of war reported in Alabama in 1861. On reflection, witness says he and S. W. Vance went to receive the P. R. Gilmer property in spring of 1862, or winter of 1861. The notes witness received from estate of P. R. Gilmer he left at Montgomery, and they were collected in good money. During the war period the collection of debts was impeded by the war. Does not know, of his own knowledge, how the war affected collection of debts in Alabama; during the war a great many banks failed in Alabama. The war bankrupted a great many people in Alabama.

Testimony of J. A. Herron.

J. A. HERRION, sworn on part of executrix, says:

Has examined to-day (24th Oct., 1878) the inventories and act of partition in succession of G. E. Gilmer. Sees that one of these inventories was filed in 1863 and the other in 1864. He lived several years in Bossier Parish before the war, and is now living in Bossier Parish, and has since 1846, with the exception of last year. The appraisements named in these inventories were the gold prices before the war. This is more
401 particularly the case in regard to land and slaves in act of partition and inventories in succession of G. E. Gilmer. The property was divided in kind, and the anti-war price was put on it. It was not appraised for the purpose of making sale, but for partition in kind. This was witness' understanding of it. At that time there was only confederate currency in circulation. If there was any gold, it was kept very close and out of circulation.

Cross-examined by opponents:

Knows Buck Hall place; it is a large and valuable place. First rate field hands before the war hired from one hundred and fifty to two hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum, and first-class women for one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum. Does not know what first class lands rented for. Red River lands have been rented out since the war for from five to ten dollars per acre per annum. Good average crops were made in 1859, 1860, & 1861 in Bossier Parish. There was some cotton made in 1862. There has not been a single year since witness lived in Bossier Parish in which some cotton was not made, more or less. After 1861, in Bossier Ph., the plantations were principally planted in corn. Witness speaks of his own neigborhood. Negroes were held as slaves, and worked on plantations until the end of the war.

Recalled on the part of executrix:

402 Was one of the appraisers to the inventory now shown him in succession of J. B. G. Vance. It was made in 1865, in January. The appraisers tried as near as they could to put the same value on the personal property as it had before the war. There was no gold in circulation at that time; confederate currency was the only currency in circulation. If this property had been auctioned off it would have brought only confederate money or currency.

Re-examined by opponents:

Witness means to say that the appraisers put on this property the price, the cash value, it had before the war.

R. Y. GRAVES recalled by executrix:

The handwriting of S. W. Vance in the family Bible of S. W. Vance, now in court, shows that Mary B. G. Vance, first child of S. W. Vance and Sarah Eliza James, was born 16th January, 1862. It shows that Samuel W. Vance, second child of S. W. Vance and Sarah Eliza James, was born Sept. 12th, 1864. It also shows that Mary B. G. Vance was the only child of S. W. Vance's second marriage that was living when J. B. G. Vance died. It also shows that J. B. G. Vance died on 11th of June, 1864.

ENTIRE RECORD IN SUCCESSION OF S. W. VANCE, DEC'D.

Petition of S. E. Vance for opening will & proving same.

To the hon. parish judge of Bossier Parish, La.:

The petition of Sarah E. Vance, born James, a resident of said parish of Bossier, respectfully shows that Samuel Whitfield Vance departed

403 this life, at his domicil, in the parish of Bossier, on the 18th of May, A. D. 1877; that he left a sealed package, which purports to be the last will and testament of him, S. W. Vance, olographic in form; that said package is now in possession of petitioner, and now present to be produced to your honor; that petitioner is the widow of said S. W. Vance, dec'd, and desires that said will shall be opened and proved; that the heirs of said Vance, dec'd, are Sallie E. Vance, wife of said S. J. Ziegler, and issue of a former marriage of said dec'd, and three children, the issue of the marriage between S. W. Vance, deceased, and this petitioner, viz, Mary B. G. Vance, Samuel Whitfield Vance, and James Washington Vance, all minors, and all of said heirs being residents of Bossier Parish. The premises considered, petitioner prays that a day, place, and hour be fixed for the opening and proving of said will; that Sallie E. Vance, and her husband, S. J. Ziegler, have notice of the day, place, and hour so fixed for opening and proving of said will, and that said will be opened and proved at the time so ordered, for all other orders and decrees necessary, and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for Petit'r.

Upon considering the foregoing petition, it is ordered that Wednesday, May 3d, 1877, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., at clerk's office, in Belle-

vue, be the day, hour, and place for opening and proving the will of
404 S. W. Vance, deceased, and that Sallie E. Vance and her husband, S. J. Ziegler, have notice thereof. Done and signed officially this May 23d, 1877.

(Signed) B. R. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

Notice of time, and place, and hour for opening and proving the document mentioned in the above petition, and purporting to be the last will and testament of S. W. Vance, dec'ed, is hereby accepted, and time waived. May 23d, 1877.

(Signed) S. J. ZIEGLER,
For Self and Wife, Sallie E. Vance.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 23d, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Testimony in proving the last will and testament of S. W. Vance, deceased.

In Bossier probate court, Louisiana.

SUCCESSION OF S. W. VANCE, DEC'D.

In the matter of probating the last will and testament of S. W. Vance:

W. C. Vance, being duly sworn, says that he knew S. W. Vance in his life-time; that he is now dead; he saw him after he was dead, and assisted at his burial. Said S. W. Vance died on the 18th of May, 1877.

(Signed) W. C. VANCE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 23d day of May, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH, *D'y C'k.*

W. C. Vance, recalled, says he is well acquainted with the handwriting of S. W. Vance, deceased; the document presented to witness as
405 the last will and testament of S. W. Vance, deceased, is entirely written, dated, and signed in the handwriting of S. W. Vance, deceased. Witness knows the document purporting to be the last will and testament of S. W. Vance, dec'd, is written, dated, and signed in the testator's handwriting. Witness has often seen testator write and signed during his life-time.

(Signed) W. C. VANCE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me May 23d, 1877.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

H. W. OGDEN, sworn, states:

He was well acquainted with S. W. Vance, in his life-time, and is also well acquainted with his handwriting. Has examined the document handed him as the last will and testament of S. W. Vance, dec'd, and recognizes said document as being entirely written, dated, and signed, in said S. W. Vance's handwriting; and has often seen him, S. W. Vance write and sign during his life-time.

(Signed) H. W. OGDEN.

Sworn to & subscribed before me May 23d 1877.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

S. J. ZEIGLER, being duly sworn, states:

He was well acquainted with S. W. Vance, deceased, in his life-time. Witness is son-in-law of S. W. Vance, deceased. Witness is well acquainted with the handwriting of S. W. Vance, dece'd, and has often seen him write and sign his name in his life-time; has examined the docu-
406 ment handed him, purporting to be the last will and testament of S. W. Vance, dec'd. Witness says that he recognizes said testament as being entirely written, dated, and signed in the said S. W. Vance' handwriting.

(Signed) S. J. ZIEGLER.

Sworn to & subscribed before me May 23d, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 23d, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Last will and testament of S. W. Vance, dec'd.

Ne varietur.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier P'h Judge.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known that I, Samuel Whitfield Vance, of said parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, being of sound and disposing mind, do hereby on this 22d day of March, A. D. 1877, (twenty-second day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven,) make, constitute, and declare this document to be my last will and testament; all previous wills made having been destroyed by myself.

ITEM 1st. It is my will that my executors, hereinafter named, take possession of all effects, both real and personal, at the time of my death; have me decently buried, and erect a suitable monument over my grave; and should I die beyond this State of Louisiana, or elsewhere, that my said executors are hereby authorized and requested to remove my body and bury it at the old George O. Gilmer burial-ground, now known Plaindealing, and placed by the south side of my first wife, Mary B. Gilmer.
407 Ne varietur. (Signed) B. F. FOOT, *Bossier P'h Judge.*

ITEM 2d. It is my will that all my just debts be paid; but my executors previous to paying any claims that may come against my estate are requested to thoroughly overlook all receipts filed in separate bundles for each year from 1845 to the time of my death, said receipts being in my iron safe and medicine case in dining-room.

ITEM 3d. At the time of my death should my estate be much indebted it is my will that my property be retained as it is if possible; plantations cultivated, proceeds to pay and satisfy such indebtedness, if such can be done by my executors; that my property shall remain undivided until my youngest child, now James Washington Vance, jr., shall arrive at 21 years, or said wife, Sallie E. Vance, shall marry after my death.

ITEM 4th. In the event that my wife, Sallie E. Vance, should marry

after my death, it is my will (Ne varietur (Signed) B. F. FOOT, *Parish Judge*) that my executors shall demand of all property in my own name, and my community interest with my said wife, Sallie E. Vance, & that my executors take charge of same, and manage for the interest of my children; and it is furthermore my will that Matthew Gilmer James, brother of my wife, Sallie E. Vance, shall in no manner whatever have any control of any property belonging to my said children, or the community interest between myself and my said wife, Sallie E. Vance.

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ITEM 5th. It is my will that my eldest daughter, Sallie E. Vance, now Sallie E. Ziegler, having in her own name and rights a large and separate property from myself, shall only have so much of my property as the laws of Louisiana allow me to will to my other children, believing that to be one-third of my estate from her, that is to my daughter. Mary B. G. Vance, Samuel W. Vance, jr., and James Washington Vance, jr., I will the one-third, or so much of estate as the laws of this State allow (Ne varietur. (Signed) B. F. FOOT, *Bossier P'h Judge*) to the last children, independent of my said wife, Sallie E. Vance, and my said daughter, Sallie E. Vance, now Ziegler.

ITEM 6th. It is my will that any interest I may at the time of my death have in any insurance policies shall be divided between my wife & children, as specified in said policies.

ITEM 7th. It is also my will that if when I die and should leave means sufficient, that my two sons, Samuel W. Vance, jr., and James W. Vance, jr., shall be educated in the best schools of the United States or Europe.

ITEM 8th. It is also my will that my son James Washington Vance, having no property in his own rights, as my other children have, I will and bequeath to him the sum of five thousand dollars, independent of the others; (that is, children named Sallie E. Vance, now Ziegler, Mary B. G. Vance, and S. W. Vance, jr.;) and he shall then share equally with all the above-named children after separate five thousand dollars. (Ne varietur (Sig'd) B. F. FOOT, *B'r Parish Judge*).

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ITEM 9th. I nominate and appoint William Calvin Vance, Samuel Jacob Ziegler, and my wife, Sallie E. Vance, all of this said parish and State, my executors & executrix. I also appoint my wife Sallie, by law, as tutrix to Mary B. G. Vance, Samuel W. Vance, jr., & James Washington Vance, jr., with Peach R. Gilmer, as under tutor to the last children.

Thus done and written in my private room and residence at Buck Hall on this the (22) twenty-second day of March, (1877) eighteen hundred & seventy-seven. This an olographic will in my own handwriting.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

Ne varietur. (Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 23d, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Proces verbal of will.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

In probate court for said parish.

Be it remembered that on the 23d day of May, A. D. 1877, there was filed in the office of the clerk of and for said parish and State, and in the

parish court of said parish, the petition of Sarah E. Vance, alleging that Samuel W. Vance had departed this life at his domicil in said parish of Bossier, leaving in possession of petitioner a sealed document, pur-
410 porting to be the last will and testament, olographic in form, of said S. W. Vance, deceased, and praying that a day, place, and hour be fixed for the opening and proving said will and testament. Whereupon it was ordered that the clerk's office in the town of Bellevue, said parish & State, be fixed as the place, and this day, Wednesday, 23d day of June, 1877, as the day, and 11 o'clock a. m. as the hour, for opening and probating of said will and testament of said S. W. Vance, deceased. When at said place, day, and hour, I, Benjamin F. Foot, parish judge in and for the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, did proceed to receive evidence of the death of said S. W. Vance, and of the making of his said will, in accordance with law, and thereupon did cause W. C. Vance to appear before me and testify, first, as to the death of said S. W. Vance; and being satisfied that said S. W. Vance had departed this life, I then opened said will and testament, and caused to appear and testify before me W. C. Vance and H. W. Ogden & S. J. Ziegler, all competent witnesses, as to the making of said will and testament by said testator, S. W. Vance, deceased, in the manner required by law; and having caused each of said witnesses to be sworn in pursuance of law, I received the evidence of each of them and caused the same to be reduced to writing in my presence, & to be signed by each of them, said witnesses, and to be annexed to the record in this case and filed as a part of the record thereof. Then having been fully satis-
411 fied that the document produced was the *the* last will and testament of S. W. Vance, dec'd, in the olographic form, the same being entirely written, dated, and signed in said testator's handwriting, I proceeded to read said will in a loud and audible voice, in presence of said testifying witnesses and other persons present, that its provisions might be heard and known, and having paraphed said will, ne varietur, over my official signature, at the beginning and end of each page, it was thereupon, and is hereby ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said will be deposited, registered, and recorded in the clerk's office of the parish of Bossier, La., as the last will and testament of Samuel W. Vance, deceased, duly proven according to law.

Thus done, read, and signed by me officially, in chambers, at Bellevue, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, this 23d day of May, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 23d, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

Petition for letters testamentary for inventories, &c., by S. E. Vance.

To the hon. judge of parish court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

The petition of Sarah E. Vance, a resident of your said parish and State, respectfully shows that on the 23d day of May, 1877, she filed in your honorable court her petition praying that a certain sealed document in her possession, purporting to be the last will and testament
412 of S. W. Vance, dec'd, should be opened and probated as the last will and testament of said S. W. W. Vance, if found to be such; that

said document was duly proven on said date as the will of said testator; that W. C. Vance, S. J. Zeigler, and this petitioner were appointed executors of the said last will & testament of S. W. Vance, deceased; that said W. C. Vance and said S. J. Zeigler, as petitioner is informed and believes, refuse to accept said executorship; that this petitioner is willing to accept the trust imposed upon her by said will, and desires that letters testamentary shall issue to her, and she be authorized to execute said will. Petitioner further represents that inventories of the property belonging to the succession of said S. W. Vance, deceased, were necessary to be made, and that said property is situated in the parishes of both Bossier & Caddo. The premises considered, the petitioner prays that said will & testament of S. W. Vance, deceased, probated on the 23d day of May, 1877, before your honor, be ordered to be executed, and that letters testamentary shall issue to her, upon the taking by her of the oath prescribed by law; that inventories of the property belonging to said succession be ordered to be made, and for this purpose that commissions shall issue to duly qualified officers in the parishes of Bossier & Caddo for all other orders and decrees necessary in the premises and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for Petitioner.

413 (Endorsed:) Filed May 25th, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Oath of executrix.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

In eighteenth judicial district court.

I, Sarah E. Vance, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me by law as executrix of the last will and testament of S. W. Vance, dec'd, according to the best of my ability and skill. So help me God.

(Signed) S. E. VANCE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of May, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) W. R. HEAD,
Justice of the Peace, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(Endorsed;) Filed May 29th, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Letters testamentary to Sarah E. Vance.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, 18th district court.

This is to certify that Sallie E. Vance has been duly appointed and confirmed testamentary executrix of the last will and testament of Samuel W.

Vance, dec'ed, and has taken the oath as the law requires. Now, therefore, the said Sallie E. Vance is hereby fully authorized and empowered to do and perform all and singular the duties incumbent on her by law in said capacity of testamentary executrix.

In testimony whereof I hereto sign my name and affix the seal
414 of said court, in my office, at the town of Bellevue, on this the 29th day of May, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 29th, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Inventory in Bossier Parish, succ'n S. W. Vance.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, Bellevue, Louisiana.

To Thos. W. Woodruff, notary public in and for the parish of Bossier, La.:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, and in pursuance of an order of the hon. parish court in and for Bossier Parish, La., you are hereby authorized and commanded to take an inventory and cause an appraisement to be made of all the property, real and personal, rights and credits, to be found in your said parish of Bossier, belonging to the estate and succession of Samuel W. Vance, deceased, and make due return of your proces verbal to this office as the law requires.

Given under my official signature and seal of office, at Bellevue, La., May 28th, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. C., Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

We, B. B. Matlock and John M. Arnold, having been appointed as appraisers to value property belonging to the succession of S. W. Vance, deceased, do solemnly swear that we will appraise all property
415 pointed out to us as belonging to said succession at its true value, according to the best of our ability & understanding. So help us God.

(Signed) B. B. MATLOCK.
" J. M. ARNOLD.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of May, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) T. W. WOODRUFF,
Notary Public.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known that on this the thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seventy-seven, I, Thomas William Woodruff, a notary public in and for State and parish aforesaid, duly appointed, commissioned, and qualified, and sworn, by virtue of a commis-

sion to me directed by the clerk of the hon. parish court in and for said parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, to take and cause to be made an inventory and appraisement of all the property, real and personal, rights and credits, belonging to the succession of S. W. Vance, deceased, within my said parish, did proceed this day, at the late residence of said S. W. Vance, to take and cause to be made said inventory & appraisement, appointing B. B. Matlock & John M. Arnold appraisers and having duly sworn them in accordance with law, they did proceed to appraise the property of said succession as shown in words and figures, to wit:

First, of the real estate of Buck Hall as follows, to wit:

416	The fract'l E. ½ of NE. ¼ sec. 24, township 19, range 14, 23.95 acres, appraised at	$359 75
	NE. ¼ of NE. ¼ sec. 19, township 19, range 13, 40 acres, at	1,000 00
	NW. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,000 00
	SE. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,000 00
	SW. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,000 00
	NE. ¼ " NW. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,000 00
	NW. ¼ " NW. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,200 00
	SE. ¼ " NW. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,200 00
	SW. ¼ " NW. ¼ " " " 40 " "	3,000 00
	NE. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,000 00
	NW. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,000 00
	SE. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,000 00
	SW. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,000 00
	NE. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,000 00
	NW. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " 40 " "	900 00
	SE. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " 40 " "	1,000 00
	All that portion of SW. ¼ of SW. ¼ lying east of Shreveport road, containing about 40 acres	900 00
	Fract'l NW. ¼ of sec. 20, township 19, range 13, lying west of Williams Bayou, containing 23 acres, valued at	575 00
	Fract'l SW. ¼ of NW. ¼ sec. 20, township 19, range 13, 35 acres	875 00
	" NW. ¼ of SW. ¼ " 20, " 19, " 13, 30.20	755 00

Black Bayou lands as follows:

The undivided one-third interest in the following lands:

	N. ½ of NE. ¼ sec. 28, township 20, range 13, 26.66 acres	33 33
	SE. ½ of NE. ¼ " " " 26.66 "	33 33
	N. ½ " NE. ¼ " " " 26.66 "	33 33
	S. ½ " NW. ¼ " " " 26.66 "	33 33
	N. ½ " SW. ¼ " " " 26.66 "	33 33
	N. ½ " SE. ¼ " " " 26.66 "	33 33
	S. ½ " SW. ¼ " " " 26.66 "	33 33
	SW. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " 13.33 "	16 16
		21,013 72
417	Amount brought forward	21,013 72

The Lewis lands, as follows:

	NE. ¼ of NE. ¼ sect. 6, township 21, range 13, 40 acres	60 00
	NW. ¼ of NE. ¼ " " " 40 "	60 00

SE. ¼ of NE. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
SW. ¼ " NE. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
SW. ¼ of NW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
SE. ¼ " NW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
SE. ¼ " NW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
SW. ¼ " NW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
NW. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
NE. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
NW. ¼ " SE. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
W. ½ of NE. ¼ of SE. ¼	"	"	"	20	"	..	30	00
NE. ¼ " NW. ¼	" 8,	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
NW. ¼ " NW. ¼	" "	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
SE. ¼ " NW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
SW. ¼ " NW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
NE. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
NW. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
SE. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
SW. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	40	"	..	60	00
NE. ¼ " NE. ¼	" 1,	"	" 14,	40	"	..	60	00
SE. ¼ " NE. ¼	" "	"	"	40	"	..	60	00

Dutch John Lake lands, as follows:

NW. ¼ of SE. ¼	sec. 22,	t. 22,	range	14,	40	acres,	valued	at..	10	00
SW. ¼ of SE. ¼	"	"	"	"	40	"	"	..	10	00
NW. ¼ of NW. ¼	" 26,	"	"	"	40	"	"	..	10	00

Amount carried forward..... $22,333 72

418 Amount brought forward..... $22,333 72

Dutch John Lake land.—Continued.

SW. ¼ of NW. ¼	sect. 26,	t. 22,	r.	14,	40	acres,	valued	at..	10	00
NE. ¼ " NE. ¼	" 27,	"	"	"	40	"	"	..	10	00
NW. ¼ " NE. ¼	" "	"	"	"	40	"	"	..	10	00
SE. ¼ " NE. ¼	" "	"	"	"	40	"	"	..	10	00
SW. ¼ " NE. ¼	" "	"	"	"	40	"	"	..	10	00
NE. ¼ " SE. ¼	" "	"	"	"	40	"	"	..	10	00
SW. ¼ " SE. ¼	" "	"	"	"	40	"	"	..	10	00
SE. ¼ " SE. ¼	" "	"	"	"	40	"	"	..	10	00
SW. ¼ " SE. ¼	" "	"	"	"	40	"	"	..	10	00

$22,423 72

All the foregoing lands being lands held in community between S. W. Vance, deceased, and his surviving wife, S. E. Vance.

Also the following lands, the separate property of S. W. Vance, deceased, to wit, Dutch John Hill lands, as follows:

NE. ¼ of NE. ¼	sect. 23,	township	22,	range	14,	40	acres..	40	00
SE. ¼ " NE. ¼	"	"	"	"	40	"	..	40	00
NW. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	"	40	"	..	40	00
SW. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	"	40	"	..	40	00
NW. ¼ " NW. ¼	" 25,	"	"	"	40	"	..	40	00

SW. ¼ " NW. ¼	"	"	"	40	" ..	40 00
NE. ¼ " SE. ¼	"	"	"	40	" ..	40 00
NW. ¼ " SE. ¼	"	"	"	40	" ..	40 00
SE. ¼ " SE. ¼	"	"	"	40	" ..	40 00
SW. ¼ " SE. ¼	"	"	"	40	" ..	40 00
NE. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	40	" ..	40 00
NW. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	40	" ..	40 00
SE. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	40	" ..	40 00
SW. ¼ " SW. ¼	"	"	"	40	" ..	40 00
						560 00

The inventory not being complete, take recess till to-morrow.

419 PERSONAL PROPERTY.

One mule	named	Jenny,	valued at.....	50 00
" "	"	Red Amanda,	"	80 00
" "	"	Hannah,	"	100 00
" "	"	Patrol,	"	65 00
" "	"	Pigeon,	"	120 00
" "	"	Dray,	"	90 00
" "	"	Lucy,	"	135 00
" "	"	Amanda,	"	120 00
One bay " mare	"	Phœby,	"	10 00
" " "	"	Stout,	"	30 00
" " "	"	Rock,	"	25 00
" " "	"	Milly,	"	30 00
" " "	"	Katy,	"	35 00
" " "	"	Dinah,	"	125 00
" mule	"	Coly,	"	30 00
" "	"	Pink,	"	100 00
" "	"	Janey,	"	110 00
" "	"	Kit,	"	125 00
" "	"	Bill,	"	125 00
" "	"	Tib,	"	120 00
" "	"	Belle,	"	110 00
" "	"	Janette,	"	120 00
" "	"	Julia,	"	120 00
" "	"	Buck,	"	40 00
				$2,015 00
1 roan pony, mustang, valued at.....				20 00
1 iron-gray colt (Minie) " "				40 00
1 mare colt, " "				40 00
1 colt, Phœbe, " "				15 00
15 head stock cattle, @ $7 pr. head.....				105 00
28 " hogs, 1.50.....				42 00
1 straw cutter.....				3 50
420 1 wheelbarrow, valued at.....				1 50
1 log chain, " "				2 50
1 old six-horse wagon & gear.....				75 00
1 buggy & harness.....				75 00

1 old carriage & harness	150 00
6 (six) harrows, @ 2.50	15 00
Three dirt scoops	6 00
One old cart	10 00
1 " wagon	2 50
1 saddle & bridle	7 50
1 iron safe	50 00
1 Winchester rifle, damaged	10 00
1 old double-barrel gun	6 00
1 pr. Derringer pistols	15 00
6 Brimly plows, 4.00; 4 Hall, 1.00; 2 Avery, 3.00	34 00
12 Scooler's stocks, 75c.; 12 sweeps, 4*s*.; 12 bull tongues 2*s*.	18 00
12 shovel plows, 2*s*.; 24 pairs gear, 6*s*	21 00
12 double trees, @ 40c.; 24 single trees, 2*s*	7 80
24 bridles, @ 25c	3 00
	$2,790 30

RIGHTS & CREDITS.

One promissory note drawn by R. C. Stinson in favor of S. W. Vance, dated Decem. 25th, 1876, due and payable one day after date, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five dollars, less credit of twenty dollars, leaving a balance due of ($115) one hundred & fifteen dollars, appraised at	$50 00
One-half growing crop on Buck Hall	$750 00

421 RECAPITULATION.

Community real estate	$22,423 72
Personal property	2,790 30
Rights & credits	50 00
	$25,264 02
One-half of which is	$12,632 01
Separate real estate	560 00
One-half growing crop on Buck Hall	750 00
	$13,942 01

There being no other property pointed out to be appraised, I herewith close this my proces verbal of inventory, on this the first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, in presence of W. C. Vance and J. A. Snider, competent witnesses, who hereto sign their names, together with said appraisers, and me notary public.

(Signed) B. B. MATLOCK.
" J. M. ARNOLD.

Attest:
(S'g'd) W. C. VANCE.
" J. A. SNIDER.
(Signed) THOS. W. WOODRUFF,
Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 4th, 1877. Signed Jeannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Inventory & appraisement of property in the parish of Caddo belonging to succession of S. W. Vance, dec'd.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, Bellevue, La.

To E. W. Durant, recorder & ex officio notary in and for the parish
422 of Caddo, State of Louisiana, or to any other duly qualified notary public in and for the parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, greeting:

In the name of the State of Louisiana & in pursuance of an order of hon. parish court in and for the parish of Bossier, Louisiana, you are commanded and required to make an inventory and cause an apprais'ment to be made of all the property, real and personal, movable and immovable, to be found in your parish of Caddo belonging to the estate and succession of S. W. Vance, deceased, late of Bossier Parish. You will make due return of your proceedings hereof as the law requires. Given under my official signature and seal of office, at Bellevue, La., on this the 28th day of May, 1877.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k D. Court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Inventory.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

SUCCESSION OF S. W. VANCE, DECEASED. } No. In parish court.

APPRAISERS' OATH.

We, the undersigned, appointed to appraise the property pointed out to us as belonging to the succession of S. W. Vance, deceased, do solemnly swear that in making said apprais'ment that we will act faithfully and impartially and to the best of our knowledge and ability. So help us God.

(Signed) PALMER DICKSON.
" H. P. PHILIPS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of June, 1877.

(Signed) LEWIS E. CARTER,
Notary Public.

423 STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Caddo:

By virtue of the annexed commission, I, Lewis E. Carter, a notary public in and for said parish & State, duly commissioned and sworn, proceeded to take an inventory and cause an appraisement to be made of all the property pointed out to me as belonging to the estate of S. W. Vance, dece'd, situated in said parish, being assisted therein by Palmer Dickson

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" H. P. PHILIPS.

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& H. B. Philips, good and competent appraisers, which inventory and apprais'ment are as follows:

Individual property in real estate.

Coushatta plantation, Red River:

Lot 1, 38 acres, composed of south part of SW. ¼ of NW. ¼ & the south part of fra't'l SE. ¼ of NW. ¼ of section 35, township 22, range 14, @ $40		$1,520 00
Lot No. 2, 19 acres, fract'l W. ½ of NE. ¼ of SW. ¼, section 35, township 22, range 14, $60.00		$1,140 00
" 3, 40 acres, NW. ¼ of SW. ¼, sect. 35, T. 22, R. 14		$1,600 00
" 4, 34 " fractional NE. ¼ of SE. ¼ and south part of fract'l SE. ¼ of NE. ¼ of section 34, township 22, range 14, @ $50		$1,700 00
" 5, 20 acres, fract'l W. ½ of SE. ¼ of SW. ¼, section 35, township 22, range 14, @ $25		500 00
" 6, 40 acres, SW. ¼ of SW. ¼, sec. 35, T. 22, R. 14, @ $40		1,600 00
" 7, 40 " SE. ¼ " SE. ¼ " 34, " "		1,600 00
" 8, 16 " fr'l SW. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " "		640 00
" 9, 50 " NE. ¼ of NE. ¼, sec. 3, & fract'l NW. ¼ of NW. ¼, sect. 2, north of Dooley's Bayou, T. 21, R. 14, @ $40		2,000 00
" 10, 40 acres, NW. ¼ of NE. ¼, sec. 3, T. 21, R. 14, @ $40..		1,600 00
" 11, 40 " " ¼ " NW. ¼ " " @ 25..		1,000 00
" 12, 40 " SW. ¼ " NW. ¼ " " @ 30..		1,200 00
" 13, 40 " SW. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " @ 40..		1,600 00
424 Lot 14, 40 acres, SE. ¼ of NE. ¼, sec. 3, T. 21, R. 14, @ 15		$600 00
" 15, 32 " fract'l SW. ¼ of SE. ¼ " " " @ 10		320 00
" 16, 40 " NW. ¼ of SE. ¼ " " " @ $40		1,600 00
" 17, 40 " NE. ¼ of SW. ¼ " " " @ $25		1,000 00
" 18, 40 " NW. ¼ of SW. ¼ " " " @ $30		1,200 00
" 19, 40 " NE. ¼ of SE. ¼ 4 " " @ $25		1,000 00
" 20, 40 " SE. ¼ of SE. ¼ 4 " " @ $25		1,000 00
" 21, 33 " fract. SW. ¼ of SW. ¼ sect. 3, T. 21, R. 14, lying north of Dooley's Bayou, @ $25		825 00
" 22, 30 " fractional SE. ¼ of SW. ¼, sec. 3, T. 21, R. 14, lying north of Dooley's Bayou, @ 25		750 00
" 23, 17 " fract. SW. ¼ of SE. ¼, sec. 3, T. 21, R. 14, north of Doley's Bayou, @ $25		425 00
		$26,420 00

Community property.

Real estate, Coushatta plantation:

Lot 1, 50 acres, NE. ¼ of NW. ¼, sec. 3, T. 21, R. 14, & fract'l SE. ¼ of SW. ¼ " 4, " 22, " " @ 40...	2,000 00	
" 2, 40 " SE. ¼ of NW. ¼ " 3, " 21, " " @ 40...	1,600 00	
		$3,600 00

Real estate, a portion of Buck Hall plantation, on the Caddo Parish side of Red River, about 10 miles above Shreveport:

Lot. 3, 40 acres, fract'l NW. ¼ of NW. ¼, sec. 24, T. 19, R. 14,		
" SW. ¼ " NW. ¼ " " " " " " $50..		$2,000 00
" 4, 41 " " NW. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " " 14, 14, "..		2,050 00
" 5, 40 " NE. ¼ of NE. ¼, sect. 23, T. 19, S. 14, $30.....		1,200 00
" 6, 40 " NW. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " " " " " $10.....		400 00
" 7, 40 " SE. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " " " " " $30.....		1,200 00
" 8, 40 " " SW. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " " " " " $10.....		400 00
Amount brought down, community property.....		300 00
		10,850 00

(Signed) PALMER DICKSON.
" H. P. PHILIPS.

425 Inventory of personal or movable property belonging to the estate & succession of Samuel W. Vance, dec'd, late of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Community property found on Coushatta place, Red River.

1 mule, named Jim, about 4 years old, @.....		125 00
1 " " Charley, " 7 " " @.....		130 00
1 " " Frank, " 7 " "		130 00
1 " " Jack, " 5 " "		125 00
1 " " Bill, " 8 " "		120 00
1 " " Lizzie, " old " "		80 00
1 " " Jule, " 10 " "		135 00
1 " " Buck, " 5 " "		130 00
1 " " Nancy, " 10 " "		75 00
1 " " Kate, " 8 " "		120 00
1 " " Boisseau, " 5 " "		130 00
1 " " Jessie, " old " "		40 00
1 " " Sucky, " " " "		40 00
About 75 bushels corn, @ 1.00.....		75 00
1 lot of fodder.....		10 00
1 cow, about ten years old, dun color.....		15 00
1 six-horse wagon, Bois D'Arc.....		60 00
1 two-horse wagon		30 00
10 turning plows, @ 5.00.....		52 50
10 scooters, 1.50.....		15 00
20 single-trees 50c		10 00
12 sets plow-gear, 1.75.....		21 00
5 sweeps, 1.00.....		5 00
5 bull-tongue plows, 50c.....		2 50
2 shovel " 50c.....		1 00
12 hoes, 50c.....		6 00
1 lot old irons.....		5 00
1 corn mill		30 00
1 cotton-gin & band.....		150 00

426	1 ferry flat		100 00
	3 harrows		3 00
1	p'r cotton balances		5 00
4	levee scoops, @ 10.00		40 00
1	square		50
2	augurs, @ 25c		50
4	axes, @ 1.00		4 00
1	spade		75
4	shovels, @ 75c		3 00
½	bushel measure		50
6	clevises, @ 50c		3 00
6	lap rings, @ 25c		1 50
3	wheelbarrows, @ 3.00		9 00
1	cross-cut saw		2 50
2	bedsteads, @ 5.00		10 00
1	lot bedding		15 00
5	chairs, @ 75c		3 75
1	dining table		7 50
1	pine table		75
1	cupboard		5 00
1	desk		1 50
1	lamp		1 50
1	lot crockery, valued at		1 25
1	bucket " "		50
2	bbls. cement, 1.00		2 00
1	lot of cotton		5 00
1	churn		75
1	oven, 2 spiders & lids		3 50
1	grindstone		25
1	feather bed		20 00
1	looking-glass, 1.00; 1 dinner pot, 1.00		2 00
	Growing crop		750 00
	Amount carried forward		2,871 00
427	Amount brought forward		2,871 50
	Two thousand eight hundred & seventy-one & $\frac{50}{100}$ dolls., community property, one half is		$1,435 75

The above and foregoing is an inventory of the moveable property belonging to the late Sam'l W. Vance, deceased, situated in Caddo Parish, La., upon the Coushatta plantation, as appraised by Palmer, Dickson, and H. P. Philips, and pointed out as the property of the succession of Samuel W. Vance, deceased, this May 8th, 1877.

(Signed) LEWIS E. CARTER,
Notary Public.

RECAPITULATION.

Real estate	$31,845 00
Personal property	1,435 75
Total inventory	$33,280 75

There being no other property pointed out as belonging to the said Samuel W. Vance, deceased, I here close this inventory, amounting to thirty-three thousand two hundred and eighty $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars. Done and signed in said parish of Caddo, in presence of the attesting witnesses on this the 8th day of June, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) LEWIS E. CARTER,
Notary Public.

Attest:
(Signed) C. M. PRYMES,
" JAMES BRUVIN.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 14th, 1877. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y cl'k.
The papers, the entire records of the succession of S. W. Vance, deceased, are true copies, taken from the originals now on file in this office.

428 *Testimony of G. W. Sentell.*

G. W. SENTELL, sworn on part of executrix & intervenors, states:

The commission house of Sentell & Prather & G. W. Sentell & Co. was the commission house of S. W. Vance from 1860 to 1865. Part of this time house did not do all of S. W. Vance' business; did but a small part of it. During a part of this period S. W. Vance shipped a large portion of his cotton to H. W. Farley & Co. For several years before the death of S. W. Vance he owed witness' house balances, and for which the note now shown witness was given by S. W. Vance—note of date June 16th, 1876, for, $11,946.75. Signed by S. W. Vance.

$11,946.75.] NEW ORLEANS, LA. *June 16th*, 1876.
One day after date I promise to pay to the order of G. W. Sentell & Co., in liquidation, the sum of eleven thousand nine hundred and forty-six & $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars, for value received, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum from date until paid.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

(Endorsed:) I accept the within note as a just and unpaid debt, against the succession of S. W. Vance, deceased, and to be paid in due course of administration. August 14th, 1877.
(Signed) S. E. VANCE, *Ex'tx*,

G. W. Sentell, on part of ex'tx & intervenors, further states: Witness' house sold S. W. Vance's cotton in 1860 & 1861. Witness' house did not sell any of the cotton crop of 1861, unless after the war, in 1865 & 1866. Witness' house received very
429 little of the crop of 1861; is not certain that he received any of it. Witness' house received very little cotton from S. W. Vance immediately after the war, in 1865 & 1866. S. W. Vance from 1860 to 1869 gave witness' house but very little business. Did the greater part of his business from 1860 to 1869 with the house of H. W. Farley & Co. About year 1869 Mr. Prather withdrew from witness' house, and for several years thereafter S. W. Vance shipped all of his cotton to witness' house. The supplies ordered from witness' house by S. W. Vance were

the necessary and ordinary supplies used on plantations, just such as other planters usually ordered. For several years S. W. Vance had witness' house to buy goods for a small store he, Vance, had on Shady Grove plantation; also bought some for his store at Buck Hall. Thinks William Haynes had an interest in the store on Buck Hall. S. W. Vance had witness' house to keep separate accounts of the plantations' accounts and the store accounts. He also had witness' house to keep separate accounts for each plantation. He had a separate account kept with witness' house for Buck Hall plantation. Knew Mary B. Vance in her life-time; was very well acquainted with her; knows her handwriting; received notes and orders from her frequently. From his knowledge of her handwriting is of the opinion that the document now presented to him is dated, written, and signed in the handwriting of Mary B. Vance.

430 Cross-examined by opponents:

The date of the document handed witness, which he stated was in the handwriting of Mary B. Vance, is January 8th, 1857. Witness' house bought goods for Dr. Vance's stores on Buck Hall & Shady Grove; did not buy all of them. There were stores usually put up on plantations after the war. Kept separate accounts for the plantations, store of S. W. Vance and S. W. Vance and Company. Although these accounts were kept separate, they were consolidated, and the proceeds of the cotton crop were placed to their credit; that is, to the credit of the consolidated account. Witness' house protested some of S. W. Vance's drafts because he wanted more money than witness' house was willing to give him, and because he was indebted to the house at the time of protest. After witness' house protested his paper he reverted a portion of his shipments, ultimately all of them, to Shreveport. Does not think his house shipped any cotton, after the war, to Liverpool for S. W. Vance. In 1866 witness sold cotton in New Orleans for 41½ cents per pound and less. In 1865 heard of cotton selling for as much as 50 or 60 cents per pound. These were extreme cases.

Re-examined by ex'tr'x & intervenors:

Immediately after the war a great deal of the cotton raised in 1861 was damaged, from having been repacked, &c., which caused it to sell at reduced prices; the freight was as high as ten dollars p'r bale, and insurance
431 was in like manner high, and there was a tax on the cotton as high as 3 cents per pound. The cotton sent to New Orleans after the war lost a great deal in weight, from having to be sent to the picker; much of the cotton shipped to New Orleans after the war was stolen by the different persons commission merchants had to employ in handling it. Nearly all the cotton raised during the war was bound with ropes; the bales were much more liable to burst and be exposed to loose in weight. All charges except the commission, 2½ per cent., were much higher than now. River insurance reached as high as 2½ per cent. Does not know that freight was as high as twenty-five dollars per bale in 1865. Did not open his house till November, 1865, and did not do much until 1866. In summer and fall of 1865 cotton was selling very low in Shreveport. S. W. Vance told witness he had sold some cotton as low as 7 cents per pound. This was a portion of the cotton he received from the estate of Geo. E. Gilmer; this was immediately after the surrender that Dr. S. W. Vance sold this

cotton. The shipments witness' house made to Liverpool in 1866 resulted very unfavorably.

Testimony, &c., of witnesses on part of opponents.—Testimony of C. M. McCleneghan.

C. M. McCLENEGHAN, sworn, states:

Was the parish surveyor of Bossier Parish; is civil engineer and surveyor by professsion. Has surveyed the Buck Hall place on the Bossier side of Red River, to ascertain number of acres in cultivation.
432 Buck Hall is on both sides of Red River, a small part being in Caddo Parish. Witness found six hundred and nineteen acres of cleared land on Buck Hall place, in Bossier Parish. Did not survey the cleared part of Buck Hall, that is in Caddo Parish. Estimates the cleared land of Buck Hall, in Caddo, at twenty acres, making in all six hundred and thirty-nine acres of cleared land.

Cross-examined.

Twenty (20) acres would cover all the waste land in the six hundred and thirty-nine acres of cleared land.

Testimony of J. P. Vance.

J. P. VANCE, sworn on part of opponents, states: He resides in Bossier Parish, and has since 1854. Knew S. W. Vance very well; was one time a partner with him in planting on Plaindealing plantation. They were intimate friends and relatives. S. W. Vance resided during the war on Plaindealing; after the war, on Buck Hall, and up to the time of his death, in 1877. S. W. Vance told witness he had sold the crop of Coushatta to Dr. Ball, of Shreveport; does not know the number of bales. Witness means the cotton that was made during the war. Does not know whether he sold it for confederate money or not. Witness returned home from the army in 1863, in latter part of June. After he returned from the army he made Buck Hall his home till about
433 25th December, 1865. When he arrived on Buck Hall in 1863, there was cotton there, most of it in the seed, to best of witness' recollection. The most of it was ginned up while he remained there on the place; weighed one hundred bales of this cotton himself, while he was on the place, which was sold at the gin-house; does not recollect, but thinks that cotton brought 31 cents per pound in gold. This cotton was sold to an agent going around through the country buying up cotton. After all the cotton was ginned up on Buck Hall, there were more than six hundred bales; does not recollect the exact number. S. W. Vance kept some of this cotton for a good while, & he sold some of it on hand; there was a good deal of it on hand when left Buck Hall in Decem., 1865; does not recollect how this cotton was removed, by boats or wagons; does not recollect whether there were more than one hundred bales sold on the place while witness remained there. Witness went on Plaindealing in 1857 soon enough to commence business in that year, and left in 1863, and went to the army. When witness left in 1863, there was one hundred and thirty-two bales of cotton baled up on Plaindealing plantation. There was a good large quantity of cotton in seed when witness left in

1863, and one crop, a small one, not more than fourteen or fifteen bales, when he left in 1863. There was a little of the crop of the preceding year there also in the seed.

434 Mr. Cooper took charge of the place when witness left in 1863. Witness returned home from the army on parole, and again went on Plaindealing plantation in 1863. There was no other cotton crop made on Plaindealing during the war, only those mentioned. The one hundred and thirty-two bales already mentioned was the crop of 1862. After coming home from the army in 1863, he went again into the army in 1864, and when he returned from the army in 1865, he went on Buck Hall and remained there until Decem. 25th, 1865. In 1867, he again lived on the Plaindealing place; was there as a partner of S. W. Vance. The partnership with S. W. Vance on Plaindealing continued two years. In 1869 S. W. Vance cultivated Plaindealing on his own account. S. W. Vance leased Plaindealing out to the negroes in 1870. There were about nine hundred acres of cleared land on Plaindealing, but not that much in cultivation. There were about two hundred and fifty acres cultivated in corn & cotton by S. W. Vance and witness on Plaindealing. It is a well-improved place; has a fine dwelling on it; is a good upland plantation; thinks the rent of Plaindealing was worth at that time $3 per acre. Witness' own place adjoins Plaindealing; would not rent out the whole of his for $3 per acre. Witness rents his own place out for one-fourth of cotton and one-fourth of corn made on it. Some hands pay very well, and

435 some do not pay very well under this contract, and some under it pay for five to seven dollars per acre rent, and others pay less. When witness left Plaindealing in 1864, to go to the army, there were eight thousand bushels of corn there and a large lot of fodder—more than seven thousand pounds—supposes ten thousand pounds, and three hundred head of stock-hogs and a large quantity of lard; four or five pork barrels filled up with lard, and two large tin vessels four feet high also filled up with lard; and other vessels filled also. Thinks this lard came from one hundred & eighty heads of hogs. There were certainly sixteen or eighteen hundred pounds of lard on Plaindealing when witness left in 1864. There were seventy-five or eighty head of cattle, & three hundred and fifty or four hundred head of sheep on Plaindealing in 1864. There was a full stock of farming utensils there in 1864. S. W. Vance and witness had been raised together, and were confidential friends and relatives. S. W. Vance told witness after the war he had seventy-five thousand dollars in cash. S. W. Vance proposed to witness to join with him and rent Red River plantations, and go to farming. S. W. Vance proposed to use this money in this way. It was in 1867 that S. W. Vance proposed to enter into partnership and go to farming. Does not know from what source he obtained this amount of money; S. W. Vance never informed him.

436 He had no other source of obtaining this money only from the sale of cotton that witness knew of. Witness declined the proposition. Knows that S. W. Vance built only a portion of the levee across Williams' bayou. This levee was built by S. W. Vance, R. C. Cummings or Pickett & P. V. O'Neal. S. W. Vance built his part by the hands on Buck Hall plantation; Mr. A. L. Chapman, overseer on the place, oversaw it, and bossed the job.

Inventory in succession of Geo. E. Gilmer.

OATH OF APPRAISERS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

We, Geo. W. Sentell and James Marks having been appointed appraisers to estimate the value of such property as may be pointed out to us as belonging to the succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, deceased, do solemnly swear that in estimating property we will act impartially and to the best of our knowledge & ability; so help us God.

(Signed) G. W. SENTELL.
" JAMES MARKS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 28th day of April, A. D. 1863.

(Sig'd) MILTON P. LONG,
Recorder, & Notary Public.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it remembered that on this the day of April, A. D. 1863, I, Milton P. Long, recorder and ex officio notary public in and for said parish and State, duly commissioned and sworn, by virtue of a commission to me directed from the clerk of the hon. district court in and for said
437 parish and State, proceeded at the plantation on (Red River) of G. E. Gilmer, deceased, to make an inventory, and cause an appraisement to be made, of all the property, real & personal, rights and credits, belonging to the succession of G. E. Gilmer, deceased. I first appointed and qualified, according to law, Messrs. Geo. W. Sentell & James Marks, appraisers, and caused to be present Messrs. W. B. Wheeler & Cézaire Wallace, witnesses, of lawful age, and domiciliated in this parish, when Dr. J. W. Vance, at whose instance this appraisement is made, pointed out the following described property, which was appraised as follows:

1st.—LAND.

The plantation on Benoit's bayou & Willow Shute, known as the Bee Bend plantation, and more particularly described as section (28) twenty-eight, east half of northeast quarter of section thirty-two (32), section thirty-three (33), less one hundred and thirty-two $\frac{12}{100}$ acres, being the south half of south half east of Benoit's bayou, all in Bossier Parish, containing in all twelve hundred and eighty acres, more or less, appraised at $50 per acre $61,400 00

SLAVES.

Kit, a man,	aged 23 years,	black	.....	1,600 00
Guiny, his wife,	" 27 "	mulatto	.....	1,000 00
John, man	" 32 "	black	.....	1,300 00
Jane, his wife,	" 23 "	griffe	.....	1,100 00
Child, Maria,	" 10 "	"	.....	850 00

	" Mollie,	" 5	"	"	.....			400 00
438	Edward, man, aged	41	years,	valued	at	.....		1,200 00
	Eliza, his wife,	" 27	"	"	"	"		1,200 00
Sallie, child,	" 12	"	"	"	.....			900 00
Julius, man,	" 27	"	"	"	.....			1,300 00
Franky, his wife,	" 25	"	"	"	.....			1,150 00
Millie, child,	" 7	"	"	"	.....			500 00
Richmond, "	" 5	"	"	"	.....			500 00
Franky, "	" 1	"	"	"	.....			150 00
Henry, "	" 3	"	"	"	.....			300 00
Bob, man,	" 30	"	"	"	.....			1,500 00
Patsy, his wife,	" 25	"	"	"	.....			1,200 00
Alsy, child,	" 8	"	"	"	.....			650 00
Billy, "	" 6	months,	"	"	.....			100 00
Sam, man,	" 28	years,	"	"	.....			1,300 00
Fanny, his wife,	" 25	"	"	"	.....			1,300 00
Rich., child,	" 9	"	"	"	.....			550 00
Jeff, "	" 7	"	"	"	.....			650 00
Old Bob, man,	" 50	"	"	"	.....			300 00
Becky, wife,	" 50	"	"	"	.....			300 00
Nick., man,	" 20	"	"	"	.....			1,700 00
Peter, boy,	" 11	"	"	"	.....			1,000 00
Harry, man,	" 18	"	"	"	.....			1,700 00
Ike, "	" 30	"	"	"	.....			1,350 00
Ellen, his wife,	" 24	"	"	"	.....			1,200 00
John, man,	" 30	"	"	"	.....			1,300 00
Patience, wife,	" 20	"	"	"	.....			1,200 00
Sam, man,	" 67	"	"	"	.....			200 00
Jane, woman,	" 28	"	"	"	.....			1,200 00
Liz, child,	" 4	"	"	"	.....			300 00
Burt, man,	" 50	"	"	"	.....			600 00
Hannah, wife,	" 26	"	"	"	.....			1,200 00
Rose, child,	" 5	"	"	"	.....			400 00
439	Anderson, man, aged	27	years,	valued	at	.....		1,500 00
	Becky, his wife,	" 25	"	"	"	.....		1,300 00
Emiline, child,	" 6	"	"	"	.....			500 00
Hannah, "	" 4	"	"	"	.....			300 00
William, "	" 2	"	"	"	.....			200 00
Vina, a girl,	" 14	"	"	"	.....			1,100 00
John, man,	" 33	"	"	"	.....			1,500 00
Dinah, wife,	" 32	"	"	"	.....			800 00
Lucius, man,	" 24	"	"	"	.....			1,700 00
Mary, wife,	" 16	"	"	"	.....			1,300 00
Amos, man,	" 45	"	"	"	.....			1,000 00
Minnie, wife,	" 35	"	"	"	.....			1,000 00
Charlotte, child,	" 12	"	"	"	.....			600 00
George, "	" 5	"	"	"	.....			350 00
Caroline, "	" 3	"	"	"	.....			250 00
Juliann "	" 3	months,	"	"	.....			100 00
William, man,	" 28	years,	"	"	.....			1,450 00
Laura, wife,	" 22	"	"	"	.....			1,300 00

Granville, child,	"	5	"	"	"	400 00
Nancy,	"	2	"	"	"	250 00
Nancy, woman,	"	70	"	"	"	50 00
Monroe, man,	"	32	"	"	"	1,500 00
Dolly, wife,	"	27	"	"	"	1,200 00
Ed, child,	"	11	"	"	"	850 00
Edy,	"	2	"	"	"	200 00
Martha, infant,	"	1				100 00
Sy, a man,	"	22	years,	"	"	1,600 00
Ellen, wife,	"	24	"	"	"	1,100 00
Milly, woman,	"	60	"	"	"	100 00
Jim, boy,	"					1,300 00
Ephram, man,	"	32	years,	"	"	1,200 00
Austin,	"	"	29	"	"	1,400 00
440 Charley, a man,		27	years,	valued	at	1,200 00
Martha, girl,		12	"	"	"	850 00
Milly, girl,	10	"	"	"		500 00
Lucinda,	" 5	"	"	"		300 00
Handy, man,	27	"	"	"		1,200 00
Ann, woman,	25	"	"	"		1,100 00
Seyann, girl,	18	"	"	"		1,250 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

388 bales cotton, valued at $50 p'r bale	19,400 00
Supposed to be 65 bales cotton, unpressed, $50	2,600 00
" " 3,000 bush'ls corn, @ 1.00 p'r bushel	3,000 00
28 mules, at $180 p'r head	5,040 00
1 black mare, 11 years old, valued at	200 00
1 gray " 6 " " " "	160 00
250 head stock hogs (supposed to be), 5.00	1,250 00
40 " cattle, 6.00	240 00
1 Bois d'Arc wagon	200 00
1 " " "	150 00
1 two-horse wagon	80 00
1 cart	60 00
1 buggy & harness	150 00
Blacksmith tools	20 00
Lot of plantation implements, plows, &c	600 00
3 bedsteads, 6 mattresses, 2 pillows	
1 feather bed, 6 quilts, & 1 p'r blankets	120 00
1 double-barrel shot gun	60 00
1 lot books, 9 chairs, & 1 mirror	60 00
Bacon, about 8,000 lbs., @ 15c	1,200 00
1 bbl. lard	45 00
5 " molasses, @ 12.50	62 50
30 bushels salt, @ 1.00	30 00

441 *Recapitulation of inventory at Bee Bend.*

Value of land	61,400	00
" slaves	68,850	00
" personal property	34,727	50
Total amount of inventory on Bee Bend	$164,977	50

There being no other property pointed out to be appraised at Bee Bend plantation, I hereby adjourn this appraisement to commence an inventory of the balance of the property belonging to said succession at the plantation on the hills known as the Plaindealing plantation or residence, on tomorrow the 29th April, 1863.

(Sig'd) G. W. SENTELL.
" JAMES MARKS.
" J. W. VANCE.

Attest:
(Signed) CÉZAIRE WALLACE.
" W. B. WHEELER.

(Signed) MILTON P. LONG,
Recorder & Notary Public.

Pursuant to adjournment, I repaired with the said appraisers, to said place, Plaindealing, at the time mentioned, to wit, April 29th, 1863, when Dr. J. W. Vance pointed out the following property, which was appraised as follows:

LAND.

The plantation and improvements in Bossier Parish known as Plaindealing place, land described as follows: as being bounded on the north by Dr. J. S. Sandige's land, and on the west by Col. J. M. Sandige's land and N. A. Cooper; on the south by lands belonging to R. Y.
442 Graves, T. J. Caldwell, and on the east by lands belonging to T. J. Caldwell, being the whole of sections ten & fifteen, and the whole or part of sections two, three, eleven, twenty-six, fourteen, and twenty-three, all in township twenty-two (22), range thirteen (13), supposed to contain about three thousand seven hundred acres (3,700), appraised at $5 p'r acre, making eighteen thousand five hundred dollars $18,500.00—the titles and description of the above lands being locked up, and the key out of the way or mislaid.

SLAVES.

Abram, a man aged 70 years, valued at	0,000	00
Lucy his wife, " 60 " " "	0,000	00
Jack, a man, " 51 " " "	700	00
Barbary, wife, " 39 " " "	700	00
Maria, child, " 18 " " "	1,300	00
Charity, " " 16 " " "	1,300	00
Isam, " " 13 " " "	1,000	00
Filda, " " 11 " " "	850	00

John,	"	"	9	"	"	"	.....	700 00
Eliza,	"	"	7	"	"	"	.....	500 00
George,	"	"	5	"	"	"	.....	400 00
Frank,	"	"	4	"	"	"	.....	400 00
Daniel, man,	"	50	"	"	"	.....		800 00
Lucinda, wife,	"	40	"	"	"	.....		800 00
Patsy, a woman,	"	50	"	"	"	.....		000 00
Carr, man,	"	32	"	"	"	.....		1,600 00
Merriwether,	"	"	36	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
Ann, his wife,	"	23	"	"	"	.....		1,300 00
Laura, child	"	7	"	"	"	.....		650 00
443 Suzanna, a girl, aged 4 years, valued at							.....	300 00
Willis, infant,					"	"	.....	100 00
Lizzie, a woman, aged	40	"	(crazy)	"	.....			000 00
Mose, boy,	"	20	"	valued	"	.....		1,500 00
Jack,	"	"	18	"	"	"	.....	1,500 00
Tom,	"	"	16	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
Ritta, girl,	"	13	"	"	"	.....		1,000 00
Billy, boy,	"	11	"	"	"	.....		600 00
William, man,	"	40	"	"	"	.....		1,100 00
Esther, his wife,	"	45	"	"	"	.....		800 00
Edmond, child,	"	18	"	"	"	.....		1,600 00
Cliff,	"	"	16	"	"	"	.....	1,300 00
Frank,	"	"	13	"	"	"	.....	1,150 00
Doctor,	"	"	11	"	"	"	.....	900 00
Becky,	"	"	9	"	"	"	.....	800 00
Mary,	"	"	7	"	"	"	.....	600 00
Abram,	"	"	5	"	"	"	.....	400 00
Louneza, woman,	"	45	"	"	"	.....		800 00
Ginny,	"	"	24	"	"	"	.....	1,400 00
Clark, man,	"	20	"	"	"	.....		1,500 00
Miles,	"	"	18	"	"	"	.....	1,600 00
Jim,	"	"	16	"	"	"	.....	1,400 00
Silvy, girl,	"	14	"	"	"	.....		1,000 00
Morgan, boy,	"	13	"	"	"	.....		1,100 00
Charles	"	"	10	"	"	"	.....	700 00
Kate, girl,	"	8	"	"	"	.....		600 00
Ellen,	"	"	1	"	"	"	.....	150 00
Alice, infant,							.....	150 00
Sealy, woman and infant daughter,							.....	1,100 00
Lewis, a man, aged	53	years,	"	"	.....			800 00
Hannah, his wife,	"	40	"	"	"	.....		1,000 00
Fanny, a girl,	"	18	"	"	"	.....		1,400 00
Marth,	"	"	"	13	"	"	"	..... 1,100 00
444 Milly, a girl, aged	11	years,	valued at				.....	950 00
Robert, boy,	"	8	"	"	"	.....		600 00
Caroline, girl,	"	6	"	"	"	.....		500 00
Milton, boy,	"	1	"	"	"	.....		150 00
Fanny, woman,	"	23	"	"	"	.....		1,300 00
Betty Francis, child, 4 months,					"	"	.....	100 00
Big Jane, woman,	"	25	"	"	"	.....		1,100 00

Francis, girl,	"	6	"	"	"	400 00
Eliza, girl,	"	2	"	"	"	200 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

132 bales cotton, @ $50 p'r bale	6,600 00
5,000 lbs. bacon, @ 15c. p'r lb	750 00
20 bushels salt, @ 1.00	20 00
8 bbls. molasses, @ 12.50	100 00
300 lbs. wool, @ 25c.	75 00
2,000 bush'ls corn, @ 1.00	2,000 00
14 head mules, @ $180 p'r head	2,520 00
1 gray mare & colt	175 00
1 sorrel mare	80 00
7,000 lbs. fodder, @ 1.00 per cwt	70 00
Blacksmith tools	25 00
1 old wagon	50 00
1 " "	40 00
2 Bois d'Arc wagons, @ $200 each	400 00
Lot plantation tools	260 00
75 head cattle, @ 6.00 per head	450 00
274 stock hogs, @ 5.00	1,370 00
220 head sheep, @ 2.00	440 00
1 rifle gun	20 00
1 double shotgun	40 00
1 spinning ginny	100 00
445 1 wardrobe, $25; 1 wardrobe, $60; 1 wardrobe, $40; 1 wardrobe, $30; 1 w. r., 5.00	160 00
1 bureau, $45; 1 bureau, $25; 1 secretary, $50; 1 sofa, $25	145 00
6 bedsteads—1, $10; 1, $10; 1, $50; 1, $12; 1, $50; 1, $25; beds & bedding, $40	197 00
1 p'r mahogany tables, $30; 1 do. table, $12; 1 table, $6; 2 ot'omans, $10	58 00
1 looking-glass, $20; 1 doz. chairs, $25; 21 chairs, $18; 2 marble ornaments, $10	73 00
1 washstand, $12; 1 washstand, $15; 1 sideboard, $20; and-irons & fender, $20	67 00
3 feather beds, $55; 4 mattresses, $25; 3 bolsters, $5; 9 pillows, $6	91 00
2 beds & bedding, 1, $40; 1, $30; 1 map, $5.00	75 00

RIGHTS & CREDITS.

One note on L. M. A. Ford for L. M. Ford for $19.80, due one day after date, dated April 6th, 1862, marked A, valued at par	19 80
An order on N. A. Cooper, drawn by S. M. Leonard in favor of Joseph Vance for $15.00, accepted by N. A. Cooper, dated Dec. 28th, 1859, marked B, valued at par	15 00
An order on Messrs. A. Clark, S. Clark, and William Lusk, drawn by Berry Sutton in favor of G. E. Gilmer, for $13.00, dated July 26th, 1860, marked C, valued at	

1 bundle miscellaneous receipts & papers marked A.....
An account against A. Whitaker for $4.00, found on plantation book, valued at par 4 00
An account on T. J. Caldwell for $15.00 on same book, valued at par..... 15 00

Recapitulation of inventory of Plaindealing place:

Land valued at.....	$18,500 00
Slaves " "	$50,450 00
Rights and credits.....	53 80
Total appraisement.....	$85,454 80

446 RECAPITULATION OF THE WHOLE.

Value of land.....	79,900 00
" " slaves	119,300 00
" " personal property.....	51,178 50
" " rights & credits.....	53 80
Total appraisement	$250,432 30

There being no other property pointed out to be appraised, I close this proces verbal of inventory, causing same appraisers to sign same, together with the said J. W. Vance and me, notary, in presence of Enoch Lynn & N. A. Cooper, witnesses, of lawful age and domicile, who sign as such on this 29th day of April, A. D. 1863. Appraisement amounted to two hundred and fifty thousand four hundred & thirty-two dollars and thirty cents.

(Signed) G. W. SENTELL.
" JAMES MARKS.
" J. W. VANCE.

Attest:
(Signed) N. A. COOPER.
" E. LYNN.
(Signed) MILTON P. LONG,
Recorder & Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 4th, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk.
(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence, marked Q, Oct. 25, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y clerk.

Testimony of J. P. VANCE continued (for opp'ts):

When witness left Plaindealing in 1864 to go to the army there were eight thousand bushels of corn there and a large lot of fodder, more
447 than seven thousand pounds—supposes ten thousand pounds—and three hundred head of stock hogs; a large quantity of lard; four or five barrels filled up with lard; two large tin vessels, four feet high, also filled with lard; and other vessels, filled also. Thinks this lard came from one hundred and eighty head of hogs. There was certainly sixteen or eighteen hundred pounds of lard on Plaindealing when witness left, in 1864. There were seventy-five or eighty head of cattle and three hun-

dred and fifty to four hundred sheep on Plaindealing in 1864. There was a full stock of farming implements there in 1864. S. W. Vance and witness had been raised up together and were confidential friends and relatives. S. W. Vance told witness after the war that he had seventy-five thousand dollars in cash. S. W. Vance proposed to witness to join with him and rent Red River plantations and go to farming. S. W. Vance proposed to use this money in this way. It was in 1867 that S. W. Vance proposed to enter partnership and go to farming. Does not know from what source he obtained this amount of money; S. W. Vance never informed him. He had no other source of obtaining this money only from the sale of cotton that witness knew of. Witness declined the proposition. Knows that S. W. Vance built only a portion of the levee across Williams Bayou. This levee was built by S. W. Vance, R. C. Cummings, or Pickett & P. V. O'Neil. S. W. Vance built his part of it by the hands on Buck Hall plantation. Mr. A. L. Chapman, overseer on the place, oversaw it and bossed the job.

448 Cross-examined by executrix:

Supposes S. W. Vance paid the hands for building the levee on Williams Bayou; but does not know. This was not the usual work of plantation hands. Price fixed for rent upon Plaindealing only to the land actually cultivated, and not the entire tract. Witness and S. W. Vance cultivated about two hundred & fifty acres the year they cultivated Plaindealing in partnership. The first year witness paid no rent; there were only eighteen bales of cotton made on the whole place. Witness lost in the partnership some seven hundred dollars. The next year thirty bales of cotton was the amount made and coming to S. W. Vance and witness. Witness does not know what was his net profit arising from cultivating Plaindealing the second year in partnership with S. W. Vance. Thinks the lands on Plaindealing place are better now than ever. The fences on Plaindealing are not good; but they protect the *the* crop. Witness' reason that he would not rent his own place for three dollars per acre is, that he stays on the place himself and superintends it, and that it is his home. Witness himself thinks Plaindealing would rent for four or five hundred dollars, if put up at auction, per annum. There is a large quantity of cleared land in the neighborhood of Plaindealing that are not worked at all. This land has not been worked; has been lying out since the
449 war, and is so now. In 1863 & 1864 corn, cattle, hogs, fodder, lard, & pork could not be sold for anything else than Confederate money. Does not know what S. W. Vance did with cotton on Buck Hall after the war, with the exception of the one hundred bales referred to above.

(T. W. Vance's receipt for $12,000.00. Should have been on page 398.)

Received May 17th, 1864, of Dr. J. W. Vance, executor of the estate of Geo. E. Gilmer, dec'd, the one-third interest of my children, James B. G. Vance and Sallie E. Vance, in the said estate, consisting of a lot of corn, fodder, meat, hogs, lard, cows, sheep, farming utensils, kitchen and household furniture; also a lot of cotton, ginned and weighed; also my children's interest in the Confederate cotton bonds belonging to the said estate, the amount of which said interest is twelve thousand ($12,000) dollars,

which said property was not included in the notarial division & report of said estate.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence & m'k'd 1. Oct. 24, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y clerk.

Inventory in succession of Mary B. Vance, and tutorship of J. B. G. & S. E. Vance in both Bossier & Caddo Parishes, filed & marked 3.

See "T," pages 347 to 359.
(No such Caddo inventory.)

450 *Application, &c., of S. W. Vance, to be appointed tutor of minor heirs of Mary B. Vance.*

PETITION.

To the hon. the judge of the 17th district court of the State of Louisiana, sitting in and for the parish of Bossier:

The petition of Samuel W. Vance, of said parish, with respect, represents that his wife, Mary Boutwell Gilmer, recently died in said parish leaving a large amount of movable and immovable property, a portion of which was separate and part was hers in community with your petitioner.

Petitioner further shows that his said wife died intestate, leaving as her heirs two children, being the issue of the marriage of your petitioner with her, to wit: James Blair Gilmer Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance, both minors and under the age of puberty. Petitioner avers that it is necessary a tutor should be confirmed and an under tutor appointed to represent said minors. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he be confirmed as natural tutor of said minors, and that George E. Gilmer be appointed as under tutor to said minors. He further prays that a commission be issued to Austin Miller, recorder, and ex officio notary public of said parish, or some other notary public of said parish, to take an inventory and cause an appraisement to be made of the property of said minors situated in said parish;

451 that a commission to some notary public of Caddo Parish to take and inventory and cause an appraisement to be made of the property of said minors situated in that parish. He finally prays for all orders, notices, and decrees necessary in the premises and for general relief.

(Signed) B. L. HODGE, *Att'y.*

In this matter by reason of the law and evidence it is ordered that Samuel W. Vance be appointed and confirmed natural tutor for James Blair G. Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance, and that George E. Gilmer be appointed under tutor for said minors, and that letters issue to them when they shall have qualified as required by law. This done officially on this 7th day of December, A. D. 1859.

(Signed) A. A. ABNEY,
Clerk Dist. Court.

It is further ordered in the above entitled cause that an inventory be taken of all the property and effects belonging to the minors, James B.

G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, heirs of Mary B. Gilmer, wife of Samuel W. Vance, now deceased, and that a commission issue to Austin Miller, a notary public, or any other notary public of this parish, to take said inventory. Thus done officially this 8th day of Decem., A. D. 1859.

(Signed) A. A. ABNEY,
Clerk Dist. Court.

(Endorsed;) Filed Decem. 8th, 1859. (Signed) A. A. Abney, c'k dist. court.

OATH OF TUTOR.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

I, Samuel W. Vance, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully
452 and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me by law as tutor for James Blair G. Vance & Sarah Eliza Vance, minors, to the best of my ability. So help me God.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of Dec'r, 1859.

(S'g) THOS. N. BRADEN, *D. C.*

(Endorsed:) Filed Dec'r 8th, 1859. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden.

Letters to S. W. Vance as tutor.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office 17th dist. court.

This is to certify that Samuel W. Vance has been duly appointed and confirmed natural tutor to the minors, James Blair G. Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance, and taken oath as the law requires. Now, therefore, the said Samuel W. Vance is hereby fully authorized and empowered to do and perform all and singular the duties incumbent on him by law in said capacity.

In testimony whereof I hereto sign my name and affix the seal of said court in my office, at the town of Bellevue, on this 8th day of December, A. D. 1859.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
D. C'k D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed Decem. 8th, '59. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, d'y c'k dist. court.

The above petition, order, letters, &c., in the tutorship of the minors of Mary B. Vance are correct copies made from the original now on file in this office and filed in evidence, with leave to substitute certified copies.

453 ENTIRE RECORD IN SUCCESSION OF J. B. G. VANCE, MARKED 7, WITH LEAVE TO SUBSTITUTE CERTIFIED COPIES.

Petition.

To the hon. the judge of the tenth judicial district of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of Bossier.

The petition of Samuel W. Vance, resident of your said parish, would respectfully represent that on the 14th day of June, 1864, James B. G. Vance, the minor son and child of the marriage between your petitioner and Mary B. Gilmer, deceased, departed this life, leaving an estate and succession which it is necessary to partition between the heirs at law of said James B. G. Vance, dec'd. Petition shows that heirs of James B. G. Vance, in existence at the time of his decease, are as follows, to wit: Your petitioner, the father, and his germane sister Sarah E. Vance, and his half sister Mary B. G. Vance, and his half brother Samuel W. Vance, junior, said half brother and sister the children of your petitioner, and his second wife, Mrs. S. E. Gayle. Your petitioner further avers that, as the only surviving partner of the said James B. G. Vance, deceased, he inherited one-fourth of his entire succession, leaving the remaining three-fourths of said succession to be partitioned between the germane sister & the two heirs of half blood; and that the said germane sister inherited three-eighths of said succession on the maternal line, and one-third
454 of three-eighths on the paternal line, and that said Mary B. G. Vance & Samuel W. Vance, jr., inherited each one-third of three-eighths of said succession of James B. G. Vance, being an equal share on the paternal line only. Part of said succession of James B. G. Vance is inherited from the separate property of his mother, Mary B. Gilmer, deceased, and a portion now in the undivided community of acquests and gains heretofore existing between petitioner and Mary B. Gilmer, deceased, of which property in community there are now proceedings in progress to have that portion of community inherited and owned by the nieces of Mary B. Gilmer adjudicated to your petitioner, according to the forms of law, and the partition of the entire succession is not designed to interfere with said adjudication, but is a necessary step in order to perfect the same. Petitioner further shows that James Marks & James A. Herron, are suitable persons to be appointed to aid and assist any notary public in making said partition, and prays for the appointment accordingly. Further, he shows that he is the tutor to Sarah E. Vance, Mary B. G. Vance, and Samuel W. Vance, and that P. R. Gilmer is the under tutor to said minors, and prays that said under tutor be cited to answer hereto, and show cause, if any he has, why this petition should not be granted. And further, for purposes of drawing lots or shares in land partition, it is necessary that a special tutor be appointed, one for each of said minors Sarah E. Vance, Mary B. G. Vance, & Samuel W. Vance, jr., and would show that J. W. Vance, R. Y. Graves, and A. L. Chapman are suitable persons to
455 be appointed special tutors for said minors and to each as aforesaid, and prays for appointment accordingly. Petitioner prays for the order and for partition accordingly, and that any notary public be com-

missioned to make said partition, assisted by said experts. Petitioner further prays for an inventory and apprais'ment of the property belonging to said minor James B. G. Vance, deceased, preparatory to making said partition and for all necessary orders and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) LOONEY & WELLS,
Att'ys for Petitioner.

I hereby waive citation and service and have no objection to the partition of the property belonging to the succession of James B. G. Vance, deceased, as prayed for in the foregoing petition, this 26th day of Decem., 1864.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

In the district court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

SAMUEL W. VANCE, SR.,
vs.
THE HEIRS OF J. B. G. VANCE, DEC'D.

In this cause, by reason of the law and the evidence, it is hereby ordered that the entire succession of James B. G. Vance, dece'd, be partitioned in kind as prayed for, and that a commission to make said partition be issued to M. P. Long, recorder, or any other notary public of this parish. It is further ordered that James Marks & James A. Herron be and the same are appointed experts to assist said notary in *in* making said par-
456 tition, and that J. W. Vance be and is hereby appointed special tutor to Sarah E. Vance, and R. Y. Graves to be appointed special tutor to Mary B. G. Vance, and A. L. Chapman to be appointed special tutor to Samuel W. Vance, jr.; and that the special tutors be qualified according to law before representing said minors in drawing lots in said partition. It is further ordered that an inventory and apprais'ment of said entire succession of James B. G. Vance be made and taken to serve as a basis to said partition, and that full returns of these matters be made to this office with as little delay as practicable.

Given under my hand officially on this 28th day of December, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed Decem. 28th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k.

Bossier Parish inventory.

To M. P. Long, recorder and ex officio notary public in and for the parish of Bossier.

You are hereby required and authorized, in pursuance of an order of our said court, to take an inventory and cause an inventory to be made of all the property found in your said parish belonging to the succession of James B. G. Vance; said inventory is ordered to be made to serve as a basis of partition between the legal heirs of said succession.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Bellevue, on this 3d day of January, 1865.

457 (Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 21st, 1865. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k dist. court.

Oath of appraisers.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

We, and each of us, appointed appraisers to estimate and value such property as may be pointed out to us as belonging to the succession of James B. G. Vance, dec'd, do solemnly swear that in estimating property we will act impartially and to the best of our judgment and ability. So help us God.

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
" JAMES A. HERRON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 6th day of January, 1865.

(Signed) M. P. LONG,
Recorder & Notary Public.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known that I, Milton Perry Long, recorder and ex officio notary public in and for the parish of Bossier, said State, duly commissioned and sworn, by virtue of a commission issued out of the district court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, proceeded to the Buck Hall plantation in Bossier Parish to make an inventory of all the land, slaves, and stock belonging to the succession of James B. G. Vance, deceased. I first appointed and qualified according to law James Marks and James A. Herron, when S. W. Vance, at whose instance this apprais'ment is made, pointed out the following described property, in which the interest of deceased is
458 one undivided half of the whole, the other half belonging to Sarah E. Vance, the german' sister of deceased.

Buck Hall plantation, particularly described as section twenty-four (24), township nineteen (19), range fourteen (14), lying east of Red River, containing (23.94) twenty-three $\frac{94}{100}$ acres more or less. The whole of section (19) nineteen, township nineteen (19), range thirteen (13,) except that portion in southwest corner, west of old Shreveport and public road, containing six hundred and twenty-three & $\frac{64}{100}$ acres (623.64), more or less.

All that portion of section twenty (20), of township nineteen, range thirteen, west of Williams Bayou, containing eighty-eight & $\frac{24}{100}$ (88.24) acres, and containing in all seven hundred and thirty-five $\frac{79}{100}$ (735.79) acres, appraised @ $40 per acre, making $29,431.60.

The undivided one-third of section twenty-eight, of township twenty, range thirteen, (except the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter), and the east half of section twenty, same township and range, containing about nine hundred acres (900), appraised at 1.25 per acre, making $1,150.00, one-third of which is $383.33.

A tract of land situated in Red River bottom, Bossier Parish, adjoining the 16th section, described as the west half of the southwest quarter
459 of section fifteen (15), containing 79.45 acres, and northwest quarter

of section twenty-two, containing 159.45 acres, all in township fifteen north, of range eleven west, containing in all 238.90 acres, appraised at $5.00 per acre, making $1,194.50.

The Plaindealing plantation in the hills, or that portion of said plantation known & described as the southwest quarter of section two, southeast quarter and east half of southwest quarter of section three, all of section ten, west half of northwest quarter of section eleven, township twenty-two, range thirteen, containing eleven hundred and twenty acres; also the west half of section fourteen, all of section fifteen, northwest quarter of section twenty-two, containing eleven hundred and twenty acres, and containing in all twenty-two hundred and forty acres (2,240), appraised at $5 per acre, making $11,200.00.

The Coushatta hill lands, described as the southeast quarter of section twenty-three; the west half of northeast quarter of east half of northwest quarter of southwest fractional quarter, and west half of southeast quarter of section twenty-six (26), township twenty-two (22), range fourteen (14), containing 622 acres, more or less, appraised at $3 per acre, making $1,866.00.

The west fractional half & southeast fractional quarter of southeast quarter of section twenty-seven (27), north of Red River, town-
460 ship twenty-two (22), range fourteen (14), containing 200 acres, appraised at $7 per acre, $1,400.00.

Lots No. one (1), six (6), seven (7), and eight (8), of section (34) thirty-four, north of Red River, in township twenty-two (22), range fourteen (14), containing one hundred & fifty-seven acres, appraised at $1.25 per acre, $196.25.

SLAVES.

David,	man,	aged	45	years,	valued	at.....	400 00
Bob,	"	"	27	"	"	".....	1,200 00
Prince,	"	"	36	"	"	".....	1,500 00
Rosin,	"	"	36	"	"	".....	1,400 00
Little Charley,	"	"	28	"	"	".....	1,400 00
Jim P.,	"	"	34	"	"	".....	1,350 00
Tom,	"	"	64	"	"	".....	500 00
Russel,	"	"	22	"	"	".....	1,200 00
Bob Jenkins,	"	"	30	"	"	".....	1,300 00
Frank,	"	"	25	"	"	".....	1,500 00
Maj. Charles,	"	"	30	"	"	".....	1,200 00
Little Dick,	"	"	22	"	"	".....	1,600 00
Miles,	"	"	38	"	"	".....	1,300 00
Bill G.,	"	"	36	"	"	".....	1,300 00
Gabe,	"	"	38	"	"	".....	1,200 00
Tom Barnett,	"	"	28	"	"	".....	950 00
Cain,	"	"	65	"	"	".....	300 00
Wash,	"	"	35	"	"	".....	1,600 00
Macin,	"	"	41	"	"	".....	800 00
Sol,	"	"	14	"	"	".....	1,400 00
Peachy,	"	"	12	"	"	".....	1,000 00
Sealy,	"	"	10	"	"	".....	1,000 00

Paul,	"	"	8	"	"	"	.....	700 00
Little Wash,	"	"	6	"	"	"	....	500 00
461 Mary,	woman, aged 44 years, valued at....							300 00
Russel,	boy,	"	2	"	"	"	....	200 00
Fanny,	girl,	"	11	"	"	"	.....	800 00
Sallie,	woman,	"	53	"	"	"	.....	.....
Jones,	boy,	"	10	"	"	"	.....	800 00
Elizabeth,		"	7	"	"	"	.....	550 00
Henry Harrison,	"	"	36	"	"	"	.....	1,000 00
Rose,	woman,	"	23	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
Dolly,	"	"	54	"	"	"	.....	000 00
Emily,	"	"	24	"	"	"	.....	1,300 00
Patsy,	"	"	10	"	"	"	.....	600 00
William,	man, cripple,		48	"	"	"	.....	200 00
Margaret,	woman,		32	"	"	"	.....	500 00
Willis,	man,		11	"	"	"	.....	8,000 00
Jim,	"		52	"	"	"	.....	500 00
Jeff,	"		17	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
Jane,	woman,		43	"	"	"	.....	500 00
Little Alick,	man,		21	"	"	"	.....	1,300 00
Agnes,	child,		6	"	"	"	.....	600 00
Dick,	man,		37	"	"	"	.....	1,300 00
Vina,	"		43	"	"	"	.....	200 00
Ruben,	"		60	"	"	"	.....	500 00
Betty,	woman,		50	"	"	"	.....	300 00
Lavinia,	"		18	"	"	"	.....	1,150 00
Jackson,	boy,		1	"	"	"	.....	200 00
Ben,	man,		51	"	"	"	.....	500 00
Rachel,	woman,		35	"	"	"	.....	1,000 00
Allick,	man, one leg,			"	"	"	.....	0000 00
Tom,	man,		16	"	"	"	.....	1,400 00
Steve,	boy,		14	"	"	"	.....	1,100 00
Minnie	girl,		10	"	"	"	.....	800 00
Hamp,	boy,		9	"	"	"	.....	700 00
Henry,	"		6	"	"	"	.....	500 00
462 Lawrence, boy, aged			1	year, valued at.....				100 00
Winnie,	woman,	"	50	"	"	"	.....	800 00
Collins,	man,	"	17	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
Bill,	"		14	"	"	"	.....	1,000 00
Frank,	boy,		11	"	"	"	.....	750 00
Emeline,	girl,		6	"	"	"	.....	600 00
Gules,	man,		40	"	"	"	.....	1,400 00
Emeline,	woman,		20	"	"	"	.....	1 400 00
July,	man,		28	"	"	"	.....	1,400 00
Little Steve,	boy,		8	"	"	"	.....	1,000 00
Ebin,	man,		40	"	"	"	.....	600 00
Janette,	girl,		27	"	"	"	.....	800 00
Charles Sims,	man,		7	"	"	"	.....	600 00
Sandy,	"		24	"	"	"	.....	1,500 00
Linda,	woman,		22	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
Sam,	boy,		1	"	"	"	.....	100 00

Peggy,	woman,	49	"	"	"	.....	500 00
Crawford,	boy,	14	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
Margaret,	woman,	50	"	"	"	.....	200 00
Patsy,	"	26	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
Aley,	"	9	"	"	"	.....	750 00
Billy,	boy,	2	"	"	"	.....	150 00
Ike,	man,	31	"	"	"	.....	1,350 00
Ellen,	woman,	25	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
Anderson,	man,	32	"	"	"	.....	1,500 00
Becky,	woman,	26	"	"	"	.....	1,400 00
Emeline,	"	7	"	"	"	.....	500 00
Hannah,	"	5	"	"	"	.....	300 00
William,	boy,	5	"	"	"	.....	250 00
Vina,	girl,	14	"	"	"	.....	900 00
Amos,	man,	45	"	"	"	.....	1,000 00
Minnie,	woman,	35	"	"	"	.....	1,000 00
Charlotte,	"	12	"	"	"	.....	600 00
463 George,	boy, aged	5	years,	valued	at	.....	350 00
Nick,	" "	1	"	"	"	.....	100 00
Caroline, girl,	" 3	"	"	"	.....		250 00
Milly,	" infant,	"	"	"	.....		100 00
Cyrus, man,	" 22	"	"	"	.....		1,600 00
Ellen, woman,	" 34	"	"	"	.....		1,000 00
Little Cyrus,	" 1	year	"	"	.....		100 00
Jerry, man,	" 24	"	"	"	.....		1,200 00
Jim, "	" 16	"	"	"	.....		1,200 00
Silvey, girl,	" 14	"	"	"	.....		1,100 00
Morgan, boy,	" 13	"	"	"	.....		1,000 00
Charles, "	" 10	"	"	"	.....		700 00
Ellen, girl,	" 1	"	"	"	.....		200 00
Sealy, "	" 22	"	"	"	.....		1,400 00
Julius, man,	" 27	"	"	"	.....		1,000 00
Frank, "	" 35	"	"	"	.....		1,150 00
Milly Ann, girl,	" 7	"	"	"	.....		500 00
Clark, man,	" 21	"	"	"	.....		1,300 00
Henry, boy,	" 5	"	"	"	.....		500 00
Richmond, "	" 3	"	"	"	.....		300 00
Frank, "	" 2	"	"	"	.....		200 00
Ned, man,	" 41	"	"	"	.....		1,600 00
Fanny, woman,	" 23	"	"	"	.....		1,300 00
Infant of Fanny,	" 1	"	"	"	.....		100 00
Granville, man,	" 32	"	"	"	.....		1,400 00
Hannah, woman,	" 32	"	"	"	.....		1,400 00
Rigenay, boy,	" 8	"	"	"	.....		600 00
Betty, girl,	" 4	"	"	"	.....		350 00
Benton, boy,	" 1	"	"	"	.....		150 00
Solomon B, man,	" 25	"	"	"	.....		1,200 00
John B, "	" 41	"	"	"	.....		1,000 00
Allen Whit, "	" 28	"	"	"	.....		1,400 00

	Charles P,	"	"	12	"	"	" 1,100 00
464	Harry,	man,	aged	23	years,	valued	at..... 1,500 00
	Seyanna,	woman,	"	25	"	"	" 1,200 00
Laura,	girl,	"	1	"	"	"	..... 100 00
Sophia,	"	"	5	"	"	"	..... 400 00
Clarissa,	"	"	1	"	"	"	..... 100 00
Joe,	boy,	"	1	"	"	"	..... 100 00
Eliza,	girl,	"	1	"	"	"	..... 100 00
Alice,	"	"	2	"	"	"	..... 250 00
Gabe,	boy,	"	2	"	"	"	..... 250 00

Total value of slaves..... $105,850 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

MULES.—Look, $175; Polly, $150; Jenny Lind, $150; Jerry, 150; Queen, 160; Jim Dillard, $160; Jack, $150; Fly, 170; Dol, 170; Tilda, 170; Cold, 150; Mary, 140; Fox, 170; Fanny, 170; Jeff Davis, 160; Lize, 160; Pat, 120; Charley, 120; Mike, 150; little Milly, 170; Pigeon, 170; Sillas, 160; Polly, 160; Stout, 160; Jim, 140; Rock, 140; Jake, 150; Alby, 150; Suck, 150; Prince, 160; Jack, 160; Little Fly, 160; Step, 170; Molly, 150; Ratler, 150; Nell, 150; Milly, 200; Liz, 160; Bell, 160; Wright, 160; Lizer, 200; 1 mare, Suzan, 30; Kitty Clover & colt, 200; 2 colts, 75 each, $150.—Total value of mules, $6,855.00.

65 head cattle, @ 5.00 p'r head	325 00
230 hogs, @ 2.50.....	579 00
85 sheep, @ 2.00.....	170 00
	1,074 00

There being no more property, I proceed to make a recapitulation of the whole. (Over.)

465 RECAPITULATION.

Total value of land.....	45,671 68
" " slaves	107,000 00
" " stock	7,929 00
Total apprais'ment.....	$160,600 68
Interest of deceased	$80,300 34

One slave infant of Sealy and a certain mule, Beck, having died since the last inventory was taken.

This apprais'ment is made on a basis of prices of the year 1860, and ordered to be made to serve as a basis of partition to be made between the heirs of the succession of James B. G. Vance, deceased. There being no other property pointed out, I close this inventory, causing said appraisers

to sign the same with me, notary, in presence of the attesting witnesses, who sign as such on this 16th day of January, A. D. 1865.

(Signed) JAMES A. HERRON.
(") JAMES MARKS.
(") S. W. VANCE.
(Signed) M. P. LONG,
Recorder & Notary Public.

Attest:
(Sig'd) A. L. CHAPMAN.
(") R. Y. GRAVES.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 21st, 1865. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk d. c.

Caddo inventory, succ'n J. B. G. Vance.

COMMISSION TO NOTARY PUBLIC.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

To Thos. H. Pitts, recorder and ex-officio notary public in and for the parish of Caddo:

466 You are hereby authorized and required, in pursuance of an order of our said court, to take an inventory and cause an appraisement to be made of all the property, real and personal, rights and credits, found in your said parish belonging to the minor James B. G. Vance, deceased, late of the parish of Bossier, and make due return of your proces verbal as the law requires.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Bellevue, on this the 11th day of January, A. D. 1865.

(Signed) THOS. N. BBADEN,
C'k D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 21st, 1865. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

OATH OF APPRAISERS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

We and each of us, appointed to appraise the land belonging to the minor James B. G. Vance, deceased, do solemnly swear that in acting thus we will act fairly and impartially, and to the best of our knowledge and ability, so help us God.

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
(") JAS. A. HERRON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 14th day of January, A. D. 1865.

(Signed) T. H. PITTS,
Recorder.

By virtue of the annexed commission, I, Thomas H. Pitts, recorder of Caddo Parish, assisted by James Marks & James A. Herron, good and lawful appraisers of Caddo Parish, in presence of attesting witnesses, made the following inventory and apprais'ment of the property pointed out to me belonging to James B. G. Vance, dec'd, to wit:

467 LAND.

S. ½, section three (3), E. ½, SE. ¼, section four (4), township twenty-one (21), range fourteen (14), appraised at five thousand nine hundred & six and $\frac{93}{100}$ dollars ($5,906.93.)

E. ½ & S. ½ of SW. ¼, section nine (9). That portion of section ten (10) and fifteen (15) lying west of Dooley's Bayou. That portion of NW. ¼ of section sixteen (16), lying north of Dorley's Bayou, and a portion of E. ½ of NW. ¼ of section (17) seventeen, lying north of Dooley's Bayou, in township (21) twenty-one, range (14) fourteen, appraised at five thousand seven hundred and eighty-one $\frac{39}{100}$ dollars ($5,781.39).

Fractional NW. ¼ of section twenty-four (24), the NE. ¼ of section twenty-three (23), township nineteen (19), range fourteen (14), containing four hundred & forty acres, appraised at six thousand dollars ($6,000.00.) Total amount of appraisement, $17,688.32.

There being no other property pointed out to me, I close this inventory, amounting to seventeen thousand six hundred and eighty-eight & $\frac{32}{100}$ dollars. Thus done and signed by said appraisers in presence of the attesting witnesses, who signed with them and me, notary, on this the fourteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five (1865).

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
" JAS. A. HERRON.

Attest: (Signed) (over.)
468 (Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.
" R. Y. GRAVES.
(Signed) THOS. H. PITTS,
Recorder & Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 21st, 1865. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Petition & order for family meeting & inventory in succession of James B. G. Vance.

PETITION.

To hon. the district judge in and for the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana:

The petition of Samuel W. Vance, a resident of said parish, respectfully represents that his former wife, Mary B. Vance, departed this life on the 15th day of October, 1859, intestate, leaving a large succession in said parish, and two children, James B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, children of her marriage with this petitioner as her sole heirs at law, said succession has been duly accepted for said minors, and administered for them by your petitioner in the capacity of tutor, as will ap-

pear by reference to record, entitled, tutorship of the minor heirs, J. B. G. & Sarah E. Vance, on file in the office of the clerk of the district court of said parish. Petitioner further shows that said property consisted in part of separate property, and in part of community held and owned in common with this petitioner, and there has never been any partition of said succession either as to this petitioner or between the said heirs.

469 Petitioner further represents that since the decease of said wife, he has again married, & is now living with his second wife. Petitioner further alleges that on the 11th day of June, 1864, his said son and ward, James B. G. Vance, did depart this life intestate, leaving a large succession, consisting mostly of land, slaves, and movable property, owned and held in *in* division with his sister, the above-mentioned Sarah E. Vance, and your petitioner. The property, rights, and credits composing said succession are situated mostly in the parish of Bossier, a small portion being and lying in the parish of Caddo, said State of Louisiana.

He further states that the sole heirs at law of the said minor child James B. G. Vance are his father, your petitioner, Sarah E. Vance, his sister, of the full blood above mentioned, Mary B. Gilmer Vance, a daughter of your petitioner by his present wife and half-sister of the deceased, and another child of this petitioner by his present wife, in ventre matris.

Petitioner further states that the said succession of the said minor J. B. G. Vance is entirely unincumbered and free from debt. He accepts said succession purely and simply for himself and his minor children, Sarah E. and the child unborn, and he prays for a convocation of a family meeting of the relatives and friends of said minor Sarah E. Vance, to consult, deliberate, and advise on the propriety of allowing your petitioner in his capacity of tutor of said Sarah E., to accept said succession for her. Petitioner

470 suggest' that no administration is necessary in this case, but that a partition is desirable, and he prays that the parties whose names a description are set forth above as sole heirs at law of the said James B. G. Gilmer Vance, be recognized as such by judgment of court, and that they be allowed to proceed to partition said succession among them according to law in case said unborn child be born*ed* alive and capable of inheriting, & in case said unborn child should not be born capable of inheriting, then that said succession be partitioned among the others named above as heirs at law of James B. G. Vance, deceased. He prays that an inventory be taken of the property, rights, and credits comprising said succession, and the necessary order issue for this purpose. He also prays that an order issue convoking a family meeting to authorize this petitioner to accept said succession for his said daughter, Sarah E. Vance. Petitioner prays for all rules, notices, orders and decrees, needful in the premises and for general relief.

(Signed) A. B. LEVISSEE,
Att'y for Petitioner.

ORDER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

In this cause by reason of the law and the evidence it is ordered and decreed that the prayer of petitioner be granted and that a family

471 meeting be convoked, composed of the relatives and friends of the minor Sarah E. Vance to consult, deliberate, and advise on the propriety of allowing S. W. Vance, the father of the minor Sarah E. Vance, in his capacity of tutor, to accept the succession of James B. G. Vance, for his minor and ward Sarah E. Vance, and for this purpose a commission to Milton P. Long, recorder and notary public, to hold said family meeting, and that a commission issue directed to Milton P. Long, recorder, to take an inventory and cause an appraise'ment to be made of all the property found in the parish of Bossier, belonging to the minor James B. G. Vance, dec'd. And that a commission issue to Thomas H. Pitts, recorder and notary public in and for the parish of Caddo, to take an inventory of all the property found in said parish of Caddo, belonging to the minor James B. G. Vance.

Thus done officially on this 7th day of July, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed July 7th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk.

(The above petition, and order, &c., should be on pages 453 to 456.)

Caddo Inventory.

COMMISSION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, 10th district court.

To Thomas H. Pitts, recorder and ex officio notary public in and for the parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana:

472 You are hereby authorized and required, in pursuance of an order of our said court, to take an inventory and cause an appraisement to be made of all the property, both real and personal, rights and credits, found in your said parish belonging to the succession of James B. G. Vance, a minor, late deceased, in the parish of Bossier, and make due return of your proces verbal of inventory to this office as the law requires.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Bellevue this the 7th day of July, 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:)

OATH OF APPRAISERS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

We, and each of us appointed to appraise the property, rights, and credits, and effects belonging to the succession of James B. G. Vance, deceased, do solemnly swear that in thus acting we will act fairly, faithfully, and impartially, and to the best of our ability. So help us God.

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
" JAS. A. HERRON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of July, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOS. H. PITTS,
Recorder.

By virtue of the annexed commission issued from the parish of Bossier, I, Thos. H. Pitts, recorder of the parish of Caddo, assisted by Jas. A. Herron and James Marks, good and lawful appraisers, in present
473 of the attesting witnesses, made the following inventory and appraisement of the property held by James B. G. Vance, deceased, in common with his father, S. W. Vance, and his sister, Sarah E. Vance, to wit: All that portion of the Buck Hall plantation west of Red River in the parish of Caddo, to wit, eighty acres, more or less, of the north part of fractional section No. twenty-four (24) of township nineteen (19), range fourteen (14), the northeast quarter of section twenty-three (23) of township nineteen (19), range fourteen (14), containing two hundred and forty acres, appraised at twenty-five dollars p'r acre, making six thousand dollars (6,000.00), which is held by deceased and his sister, Sarah E. Vance.

The following-named a described slaves are held in common by the deceased and his sister, Sarah E. Vance, and his father, S. W. Vance, to wit:

Daniel,	man,	aged	25	years,	valued at	.....	1,500 00
Isham,	"	"	27	"	"	"	1,600 00
Reuben,	"	"	27	"	"	"	1,600 00
Amos,	"	"	12	"	"	"	1,000 00
Jeff,	"	"	27	"	"	"	1,400 00
Martha,	woman,	"	22	"	"	"	1,200 00
Julia,	"	"	28	"	"	"	1,200 00
Julia,	child,	"	6	"	"	"	600 00
John,	"	"	1	"	"	"	100 00
Maria,		"	25	"	"	"	1,000 00
George,	"	"	4	"	"	"	300 00
Elizabeth,	"	"	18	mo's,	"	"	150 00
John,	"	"	14	"	"	"	1,100 00
	Chany,	"	"	16	"	" "	1,000 00
474	Harriet,	woman,	aged	23	years,	valued at	1,200 00
	Louisa,	girl,	"	3	"	" "	250 00
Lucy,		"	"	1	"	" "	150 00
Toney,	man,		"	35	"	" "	1,200 00

The following-named slaves mentioned in the succession of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, deceased, of date twenty-fourth of February, A. D. 1860, have died since the taking of said inventory:

Primus,	aged	15	years.
Little Jim,	"	15	"
Jerry,	"	21	"
Charlotte,	"	24	"
Bella,	"	22	"

Eight mules, valued at.....	$1,275 00
named: Dolly, Bolly, Puss, Nimrod, Lucy, Queen, Roxby, Wilder.	
One wagon, valued at.....	200 00
Grand total.....	$23,625 00

RECAPITULATION.

Land, valued at	6,000 00
Slaves, " "	16,150 00
Mules & wagons	1,475 00
	$23,625 00
J. B. G. Vance, interest with his sister in land	3,000 00
Total amount in community property being $17,625.00.	
J. B. G. Vance, one-fourth of community	4,406 25
	$7,406 25

There being no other property pointed out to me, I close this inventory, amounting to seven thousand four hundred and six & $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars.

475 Thus done and signed by said appraisers and said witnesses together with me, recorder, on this the ninth day of July, 1864.

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
" JAS. A. HERRON.

Attest:
(Signed) J. W. VANCE.
" A. L. CHAPMAN.

(Signed) THOS. H. PITTS,
Recorder & ex officio Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed July 12th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk.

(This should be on pages 456 to 465.)

Bossier inventory.

COMMISSION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

To Milton P. Long, recorder & ex officio notary public in and for said parish & State:

You are hereby authorized and required, in pursuance of an order of our said court, to take an inventory and cause an apprais'ment to be made of all the property, both real and personal, rights and credits, found in your said parish belonging to the succession of the minor J. B. G. Vance, dece'd, and make due return of your proces verbal of inventory to this office, as the law requires. Given under my hand and seal of office, at Bellevue, this 7th day of July, A. D. 1874.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed July 12th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk d. c.

476 OATH OF APPRAISERS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

We, James Marks and James A. Herron, having been appointed appraisers to estimate and value such property as may be pointed out to us as belonging to the minor Jas. B. G. Vance, deceased, do solemnly swear that in estimating said property we will act impartially and according to the best of our judgment and ability. So help us God.

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
" JAS. A. HERRON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July, 1864.
(Signed) M. P. LONG, *Recorder.*

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known that on this the 8th day of July, A. D. 1864, I, Milton P. Long, recorder and ex officio notary public in and for the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and sworn, by virtue of a commission to me directed from the clerk of the hon. district court in and for said parish and State, proceeded to make an inventory and cause an apprais'ment to be made of all the property, rea land personal, rights and credits, found in said parish, belonging to the succession of the minor J. B. G. Vance. I first appointed and qualified, according to law, Messrs. James Marks and James A. Herron, good and lawful appraisers, when Dr. S. W. Vance, at whose instance this apprais'ment is made, pointed out the following property, to wit:

477 The property at Plaindealing place, in which the said minor, J. B. G. Vance, has one undivided half interest. 1st. The third part of Plaindealing plantation, described as the southwest quarter of section two, southeast quarter and east half of southwest quarter section three, all of section ten (10), west half of northwest quarter of section eleven, township twenty-two, range thirteen, containing one hundred and twenty acres, more or less, it being the same lot of land drawn by S. W. Vance, tutor, from the succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, deceased, appraised at $5.00 per acre, making $5,600.00

SLAVES.

Amos,	aged	45	years,	valued	at	1,000	00
Milly,	"	35	"	"	"	1,000	00
Charlotte,	"	12	"	"	"	600	00
George,	"	5	"	"	"	350	00
Caroline,	"	3	"	"	"	250	00
Infant of Milly,					.....	100	00
Cyrus,	aged	22	"	"	"	1,600	00
Ellen,	"	34	"	"	"	1,000	00
Infant,	"				.....	100	00
Jenny,	"	24	"	"	"	1,400	00
Jim,	"	16	"	"	"	1,400	00
Silvy,	"	14	"	"	"	1,100	00

Morgan,	"	13	"	"	"	.....	1,000 00
Charles,	"	10	"	"	"	.....	700 00
Ellen,	"	1	"	"	"	.....	200 00
2 infants of Silvy,					"	.....	500 00
Sealy,	aged	22	"	"	"	.....	1,400 00
Julius,	"	27	"	"	"	.....	1,300 00
Franky,	"	35	"	"	"	.....	1,150 00
William,	"	7	"	"	"	.....	500 00
478 Henry,	aged	5	years,	appraised	at	.....	500 00
Richmond,	"	3	"	"	"	.....	300 00
Frank,	"	2	"	"	"	.....	200 00
Ned,	"	49	"	"	"	.....	1,600 00
Fanny,	"	23	"	"	"	.....	1,300 00
Infant of Fanny,						.....	100 00
Granville,	"	32	"	"	"	.....	1,400 00
Hannah,	"	32	"	"	"	.....	1,400 00
Ridgeway,	"	8	"	"	"	.....	600 00
Billy,	"	4	"	"	"	.....	350 00
Benton,	"	1	"	"	"	.....	150 00
Solomon,	"	25	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
John,	"	41	"	"	"	.....	1,000 00
Alexander,	"	28	"	"	"	.....	1,400 00
Charles,	"	12	"	"	"	.....	1,100 00
Henry,	"	23	"	"	"	.....	1,500 00
Sujann,	"	25	"	"	"	.....	1,200 00
Laura,	"	1	"	"	"	.....	100 00
Sophia,	"	5	"	"	"	.....	400 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT PLAINDEALING.

Mules: Frank, Liz, Milly, Slip, Polly, Bill, Charles, Polly, Queen, Suck, Pat, Young, Fox, Black, Maria, & Colt.....	2,698 33
2 mules, appraised @ $180 each.....	360 00
2 Bois d'Arc wagons.....	360 00
1 lot plows, hoes, plow gear, &c.....	200 00
Household & kitchen furniture, &c.....	300 00
2 old negroes, Lucy & Abram.....	000 00
80 head of sheep, @ 2.00.....	160 00
30 " " cattle, @ 5.00.....	150 00
200 " " hogs, @ 2.50.....	500 00
The present growing crop, 150 acres corn.....	150 00

479 Supposed to be about 2,000 lbs. bacon and about 1,000 bushels corn, supposed to be sufficient to run the place.

RIGHTS & CREDITS AT PLAINDEALING.

Promissory note of M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer, & M. L. Gilmer, jointly, dated December 18th, 1861, payable one year after date to the estate of Peachey R. Gilmer, dec'd, or bearer, for nine thousand & forty-five & $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars ($9,045.83).

Note of S. W. Vance, dated Montgomery, Ala., 13th June, 1859, pay-

able one day after date, to the order of P. R. Gilmer, for five thousand five hundred dollars, drawing interest at eight per cent., according to the law of Alabama, one-half of which belonged to the minors J. B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, less one year's interest paid on their half 13th June, 1860, appraised at par, $2,750.00.

Note of William H. Wilkerson, dated July 14th, 1857, payable at 3 years, to the order of Nathan Anderson, for two thousand & fifty dollars, appraised at par, $2,050.00.

Note of E. Y. Fair, dated July 2d, 1858, payable 12 months, to the order of P. R. Gilmer, for eleven hundred and sixty-six and $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars, appraised at par, $1,166.40.

Note of S. S. Caraway, of date March 1st, 1860, payable one day, to order of P. R. Gilmer, for five hundred dollars, appraised at par, $500.00.

Note of Thomas Williams, dated June 3d, 1857, payable 1st January, 1860, to order of P. R. Gilmer, for six hundred and sixty-six $\frac{67}{100}$ dollars, appraised at $666.67.

480 Another note of same description, payable 1st of January, 1859, appraised at $666.67.

Note of W. J. Fuller & Allen E. Fuller, dated January 19th, 1861, payable one day, to P. R. Gilmer, or bearer, for four hundred & seventy-two $\frac{12}{100}$, at $472.12.

Stock Montgomery Ins. Co., No. 162, for fourteen hundred dollars, appraised at 1,400.00.

Stock Montgomery Mining Co. for $1,000, at 1,000.00.
" Ala. & Flor'da R. R. Co., $800, at 800.00.
" Montgomery & Eufola R. R'd, 166.66⅔.
" " West Point, 3,500.00.

One-third interest in the following described draft belonging to said minors, to wit: Draft given S. F. Culberson, dated March 2d, 1860, due thirty days after date, to J. W. Vance, for eight hundred dollars ($800), ⅓ $266.66; value not known.

The one-sixth interest in note due by Milton G. Fort, dated 30th November, 1859, payable one day after date to James R. McCentak, for $500, interest of minors, $83.33; value not known.

One undivided one-third interest in 131 bales of cotton at Plaindealing, appraised at $50 per bale	$6,550 00
About 10 bales in seed	400 00
	$6,950 00
Minors' one-third interest	$2,316 66
7 bales cotton, at Bee Bend, $50	$350 00
About 100 bales seed-cotton, $40	$4,000 00

BUCK HALL.

The following described property found and appraised on the Buck Hall plantation, Red River, in which the interest of said deceased
481 is one undivided one-half, the other undivided one-half belonging to minor Sarah E. Vance:

1st. The land at Buck Hall plantation, known and described as all that

portion of section twenty-four, township nineteen, range fourteen, which is east of Red River, containing twenty-three $\frac{95}{100}$ acres, more or less. The whole of section nineteen, in township nineteen, of range thirteen (except that portion in southwest corner, west of the old Shreveport & public road), containing six hundred and twenty-three and $\frac{64}{100}$ acres. Also, that portion of section 20, of township nineteen, of range thirteen, west of Williams Bayou, containing eighty-eight and $\frac{21}{100}$ acres. The above described parcels of land, containing in all seven hundred and thirty-five and $\frac{79}{100}$ acres, appraised at $40 per acre, $29,431.60.

The undivided one-third of the undivided one-half interest (community) of a tract of land, being section twenty-eight, of township twenty, of range thirteen, except the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, and the east half of section seventeen of same township & range, containing in all about (900) nine hundred acres, more or less, appraised at $1.25 per acre, $1,150.00. Interest of the two minors, $191.66.

SLAVES AT BUCK HALL.

	39. David,	aged	45	years,	appraised at	.....	$400 00
	40. Bob,	"	27	"	"	.....	1,400 00
	41. Primus,	"	35	"	"	.....	1,500 00
482	42. Rosin,	aged	26	years,	appraised at	.....	1,400 00
	43. Little Charly,	"	29	"	"	"	1,400 00
	44. Jim,	"	34	"	"	"	1,350 00
	45. Tom,	"	64	"	"	"	500 00
	46. Russel,	"	22	"	"	"	1,200 00
	47. Bob Gilmer,	"	30	"	"	"	1,400 00
	48. Frank,	"	25	"	"	"	1,500 00
	49. Maj. Charles,	"	30	"	"	"	1,200 00
	50. Little Dick,	"	22	"	"	"	1,600 00
	51. Willis,	"	18	"	"	"	1,500 00
	52. Bill,	"	36	"	"	"	1,300 00
	53. Gabe,	"	38	"	"	"	1,200 00
	54. Tom Barnett,	"	28	"	"	"	700 00
	55. Caud,	"	65	"	"	"	300 00
	56. Wash,	"	35	"	"	"	1,300 00
	57. Maria,	"	41	"	"	"	800 00
	58. Sol,	"	15	"	"	"	1,200 00
	59. Peachy,	"	12	"	"	"	1,000 00
	60. Sealy,	"	10	"	"	"	800 00
	61. Paul,	"	8	"	"	"	700 00
	62. Little Wash,	"	6	"	"	"	500 00
	63. Mary,	"	4	"	"	"	300 00
	64. Russel,	"	2	"	"	"	200 00
	65. Fanny,	"	11	"	"	"	800 00
	66. Sallie,	"	53	"	"	"	000 00
	67. Jones,	"	10	"	"	"	800 00
	68. Elizabeth,	"	7	"	"	"	500 00
	69. Henry Harrison,	"	36	"	"	"	1,000 00
	70. Rose,	"	23	"	"	"	1,200 00
	71. Dolly,	"	54	"	"	"	100 00

	72. Emily,	"	24	"	"	"	1,300 00
	73. Patsy,	"	10	"	"	"	600 00
	74. William,	"	8	"	"	"	000 00
483	75. Margaret,	aged	32		valued	at	500 00
	76. Willis,	"	11		"	"	1,000 00
	77. Jim,	"	52		"	"	500 00
	78. Jeff,	"	19		"	"	1,200 00
	79. Jane,	"	43		"	"	500 00
	80. Alleck,	"	63		1 leg,	"	000 00
	81. Little Aleck,	"	21		valued	"	1,300 00
	82. Amos,	"	6		"	"	600 00
	83. Dick,	"	37		"	"	1,300 00
	84. Nina,	"	43		"	"	250 00
	85. Reuben,	"	60		"	"	600 00
	86. Betsy,	"	50		"	"	400 00
	87. Lavinia,	"	18		"	"	1,150 00
	88. Jackson,	"	1		"	"	200 00
	89. Ben,	"	51		"	"	500 00
	90. Rachel,	"	35		"	"	1,000 00
	91. Tom,	"	16		"	"	1,400 00
	92. Stephen,	"	14		"	"	1,100 00
	93. Minnie,	"	10		"	"	800 00
	94. Hamp,	"	9		"	"	700 00
	95. Henry,	"	6		"	"	500 00
	96. Lawrence,	infant,			"	"	100 00
	97. Mirunia,	"	50		"	"	800 00
	98. Collin,	"	17		"	"	1,200 00
	99. Bill,	"	14		"	"	1,000 00
	100. Frank,	"	11		"	"	750 00
	101. Emiline,	"	6		"	"	600 00
	102. Giles,	"	40		"	"	1,400 00
	103. Emiline,	"	29		"	"	1,400 00
	104. July,	"	28		"	"	1,000 00
	105. Stephen,	"	8		"	"	500 00
	106. Eben,	"	40		"	"	600 00
	107. Jennette,	"	27		"	"	1,000 00
484	108. Charles Sinns,	aged	7	years,	valued	at	600 00
	109. Sandy,	"	24	"	"	"	1,500 00
	110. Linda,	"	22	"	"	"	1,200 00
	111. Sam,	infant,		"	"	"	100 00
	112. Peggy,	"	49	"	"	"	500 00
	113. Cockeril,	"	14	"	"	"	1,200 00
	114. Margaret,	"	50	"	"	"	200 00
	115. Patsy,	"	26	"	"	"	1,200 00
	116. Alsy,	"	9	"	"	"	750 00
	117. Billy,	"	2	"	"	"	150 00
	118. Ike,	"	31	"	"	"	1,350 00
	119. Ellen,	"	25	"	"	"	1,200 00
	120. Anderson,	"	32	"	"	"	1,500 00
	121. Becky,	"	26	"	"	"	1,400 00
	122. Emiline,	"	7	"	"	"	500 00

123. Hamm,	"	5	"	"	"	300 00
124. William,	"	3	"	"	"	250 00
125. Vina,	"	14	"	"	"	1,100 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

28 head of mules, valued @ $170 pr. head	4,760 00
45 " cattle, " $5 " "	225 00
2 two-year old colts, $50.....	100 00
1 old wagon.....	50 00
2 Bois d'Arc wagons, $200.....	400 00
250 head hogs, 2.50	625 00

About 2,000 bushels corn, supposed to be sufficient to run the place.

650 acres in corn now growing	800 00
10 " " cotton " " (sorry).....	200 00
Cotton crops of the years 1862, 1863, and a part of 1861, on hand in the seed, supposed to be about three hundred bales, appraised at.....	$12,000 00

485 The following described lands in Bossier Parish, known as Coushatta hill land, described as the southwest quarter and the west half of southeast quarter of section twenty-three, the west half of northeast quarter and the east half of northwest quarter, southwest fractional quarter of section No. twenty-six, township twenty-two, range fourteen, containing six hundred and twenty-two acres, more or less, appraised at $3 per acre, $1,866.00. The west fractional half and southeast fractional quarter of southeast quarter of section twenty-seven, north of Red River, township twenty-two, range fourteen, containing 200 acres, @ $7, $1,400.00. Lots one, six, seven, and eight, of section thirty-four, north of Red River, same township and range, containing one hundred and fifty-seven acres, appraised at 1.25 per acre, $196.25.

An undivided one-third interest in a certain tract of land lying on the east bank of Red River, known as the Coushatta bluff tract, containing 450 acres, more or less, owned in common with the other heirs of James B. Gilmer, appraised at $1.25 per acre.

A tract of land in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, situated in Red River bottom, adjoining the 16th section, and particularly described as the west half of the southwest quarter of section (15) fifteen, containing 79.45 acres, and the northwest quarter of section No. twenty-two, containing 159.45 acres, all in township fifteen north, of range eleven west. This tract, containing in all two hundred and thirty-eight and .90 acres,

486 appraised at $5.00 per acre, $1,194.50. The parcel of land drawn from the succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, known as one-third part of Bee Bend plantation, and particularly described as follows: Commencing on the western boundary of section twenty-eight, 58 chains & 80 links from the northwest corner of said section, and runs south 58 chains & 80 links on the boundary line between sections 32 and 33. Thence north 89° 10′ east, 80 chains & 7 links to the eastern boundary of section 33. Thence north 58 chains and 80 links to the boundary of the southern boundary of lot No. one, owned by P. V. O'Neil, thence west along said boundary

to the beginning, containing 469.65 acres, appraised twenty thousand two hundred & eighty-eight & .33 dollars ($20,288.30). Amount of 7 p'r cent. Confederate bonds, 12,000.00.

MEMORANDUM.—The following slaves inventoried in the succession of Mary B. Vance have died since said inventory was taken (24th Feb., 1860): George Jenkins, aged 40 years, Sallie, Sam, Black, Jessie, Henrietta, Anna, Laura.

The following slaves descended to the minors J. B. & S. E. Vance, from the succession of James B. Gilmer and known as their interest in the Barnett property: Lydia, Sarah.

The following descended to said minors from the estate of P. R. Gilmer, to wit, Sam, aged 40 years, Daniel, aged 55 years; and the following from the estate of Geo. E. Gilmer: Celia's child, unnamed.

Recapitulation carried forward.

487 RECAPITULATION.

Value of land	$60,168 34
" slaves	$105,100 00
" personal property	$32,518 33
" rights & credits	38,501 01
	236,287 68
Interest of J. B. G. Vance	$118,143 84
Credit by one wagon in error	200 00
	$118,043 84

There being no other property pointed out to us to be appraised, I hereby close this procès verbal of inventory and apprais'ment made on a special basis, amounting to one hundred and eighteen thousand one hundred & forty-three & .34 dollars, causing said appraisers to sign same, together with S. W. Vance and me, notary, on this 9th day of July, A. D. 1864, in presence of the subscribing witnesses of lawful age, and domiciliated in this parish, who signed with the parties.

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
" JAS. A. HERRON.
" S. W. VANCE.

Attest:

(Signed) J. W. VANCE.
" A. L. CHAPMAN.

(Signed) M. P. LONG,
Recorder & Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed July 12th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk dist. court.

(This should have commenced on page 465.)

Commission to make partition of success'n of J. B. G. Vance.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, 10th district court.

To Milton P. Long, recorder & ex officio notary public in and for
488 the parish of Bossier, greeting:

You are hereby authorized and required, in pursuance of an order of our said court. to partition in kind and cause a division to be made of the entire property belonging to the succession of J. B. G. Vance, dec'd, giving to Samuel W. Vance, jr., one-fourth of said succession, and to Sarah E. Vance, the germane sister of deceased three-eighths of said succession on the maternal side, and one-eighth on the paternal side, and that the brother and sister of the half-blood, Mary B. G. Vance & Samuel W. Vance, jr., each take one-eighth of said succession from the paternal side according to the 909' article of the Louisiana code. You will cause to be present J. W. Vance, special tutor to Sarah E. Vance, and R. Y. Graves, special tutor to Mary B. G. Vance, & A. L. Chapman, special tutor to the minor Samu'l W. Vance, jr. You will cause to be present Messrs. James Marks & Jas. A. Herron, experts appointed by the court, to aid and assist you in making this partition.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Bellevue, this the 3d day of January, A. D. 1865.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 21st, 1865. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk dist. court.

OATH OF PARTITIONERS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

We, James Marks and James A. Herron, having been appointed
489 experts to assist in making partition in kind of the property belonging to the succession of James B. G. Vance, between the heirs of said succession, do solemnly swear that we will, in making said partition, act impartially and according to the best of our judgment and ability. So help us God.

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
" JAS. A. HERRON.

Sworn to & subscribed before me on this 16th day of January. A. D. 1865.

(Signed) M. P. LONG,
Recorder & Notary Public.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known that on this day, I, Milton P. Long, recorder and ex of-

ficio notary public in and for said parish and State, duly commissioned and sworn, by virtue of a commission to me issued out of the district court of Bossier Parish, proceeded, at the Buck Hall plantation, in said parish, to make a partition in kind of all the land, slaves, and stock belonging to the succession of J. B. G. Vance, dece'd; giving to Samuel W. Vance, sr., one-fourth of said succession, and to Sarah E. Vance, germane sister to deceased, three-eights of said succession on the maternal side, and one-eighth on the paternal side, and to the brother and sister of the half-blood, Mary B. G. Vance and Samuel W. Vance, jr., each one-eighth of said succession from the paternal side. The property to be partitioned is owned jointly and in common by deceased and his sister, the said Sarah E. Vance.

I first qualified, according to law, James Marks & James A.
490 Herron, experts appointed by the court, causing to be present J.W. Vance, special tutor to Sarah E. Vance; R. Y. Graves, special tutor to Mary B. G. Vance; & A. L. Chapman, special tutor to Samuel W. Vance, jr., and Samuel W. Vance, senior, taking as a basis for this partition the inventory and appraisement made by me, said notary, on the 6th day of January, 1865, in Bossier Parish, and the inventory made by T. H. Pitts, recorder and notary of Caddo Parish, of date 14th January, 1865. The total apprais'ment of the land and stock to be partitioned between deceased and his sister, Sarah E. Vance, being $, which said property the said experts proceeded to form into two lots as nearly equal as possible in value.

LOT NO. ONE.

Composed of the following named slaves, particulary named and described & appraised in said inventory of the property in Bossier Parish, to wit:

SLAVES.—Wash, $1,600; Maria, $800; Sol, $1,400; Peachy, $1,000; Celia, $1,000; Paul, $700	$6,500 00
Little Wash, $500; Mary, $300; Russel, $200; Henry Harrison, 1,000; Rose, 1,300	3,300 00
Fanny, 800; Bess, 500; Rachel, 1,000; Stephen, 1,400; Tom, 1,000; Winnie, 800	5,600 00
Hampton, 700; Henry, 500; Lawrence, 1,000; Little Charlie, 1,400; Patzy, 600; William, $200	3,500 00
Sophie, 400; Amos, 1,000; Minnie, 1,000; Charlotte, 600; George, 350; Caroline, 250	3,600 00
Julia Ann, 100; Eliza, 100; Cain, 300; Mina, 800; Tom Barnett, 850; Collins, 1,200	3,350 00
Bill, 1,000; Frank, 750; Emiline, 600; Giles, 1,400; Emiline, 1,400; Sandy, 1,500	6,650 00
Melinda, 1,200; Sam, 100; Peggy, 500; Crawford, 1,200; Margaret, 1,200; Little Alek, 1,200	4,500 00
Agnes, 600; Frank, 1,500; Emily, 1,300; Big Jim, 500; Lavinia, 1,150	5,500 00
Jackson, 290; Charly P., 1,100; Gabe, 1,200; Ebin, 600; David, 400	3,500 00
491 Jim Pimwood, 1,350; Tom, 500; Jeff, 1,200; Rosin, 1,400	4,450 00

July, $1,000; Little Steve, $500; Dick, $1,300; Vina, $200	3,000 00
	$53,500 00

LOT NO. 2 (TWO).

Maj. Charles, 1,200; Prime, 1,500; Suzy Ann, 1,200; Laura, 100; Jones, 800	4,800 00
Elizabeth, $550; Granville, 1,400; Hanna, 1,400; Burton, 150; Ridgeway, 600	4,100 00
Bettie, 350; Russel, 1,200; Janette, 800; Charly, 600, Reuben, 500; Betsy, 300	3,750 00
Anderson, 1,500; Becky, 1,400; Nick, 100; Nina, 900, Emiline, 500; Hannah, 300	4,700 00
William, 250; Louisa & Seally, 1,400 each; Ellen, 200; Patsy, 1,200; Joe, 100	3,150 00
Aley, 750; Bob, 1,200; Bill, 150; Black, 1,300; Miles, 1,300; Jim, 1,200	5,900 00
Jenny, 1,200; Alice, 250; Gabe, 250; Morgan, 1,000; Silvy, 1,100; Charly, 700	4,500 00
Bob Jenkins, 1,300; Margaret, 500; Willie, 800; Ike, 1,350; Ellen, 1,200; Clarissa, 100	5,250 00
Henry, 1,500; Cyrus, 1,600; Ellen, 1,000; Little Cyrus, 100; Julius, 1,000; Frank, 1,150	6,350 00
Milly Ann, 500; Henry, 500; Richmond, 300; Frank, 200; Fanny, 1,300; Betty, 100	2,900 00
Ned, 1,600; Little Dick, 1,600; Big Sol, 1,200; Alleck White, 1,400; John Barnett, 1,000	6,800 00
Bill Gilmer	1,300 00
	$53,500 00

The lots being thus separated we caused the parties to draw for the same, when Dr. J. W. Vance, special tutor to Sarah E. Vance, drew lot No. (2) two. The remaining lot No. (1) one being drawn for, and being the separate property of, J. B. G. Vance. We then proceeded to form the mules, horses, and other stock into two lots, as nearly equal as possible, to wit:

LOT NO. ONE (1).

Composed of the following named stock particularly described in said inventory. First, mules:

Jim Dillane, 160; Mary, 140; Stout, 160; Jerry, 150; Silas, 160; Jude, 150; Jack, 160; Jake, 150; Frank, 170; Coly, 150; Mike, 150; Big Polly, 160; Prince, 160; Alafly, 150; Little Fly, 160; Big Milly, 200; Milda, 150; Jeff. D., 100; Rattler, 150; Black Mace, & colt, $200; 1 colt., $75; 1 old mare, $30.

Value of mules & horses	3,415 00
Amount carried forward.	
492 Amount brought forward	3,415 00

	32 head cattle, @ 5.00 p'r head		160 00
115	" hogs, @ 2.50 " "		287 50
43	" sheep, @ 2.00 " "		86 00
	Value of lot one		$3,948 50

LOT NO. (2) TWO.

MULES.—Sook, 175; Polly, 150; Fox, 170; Rigler, 160; Lise, 200; Pat, 120; Doll, 170; Little Milly, 170; Lije, 160; Jenny Lind, 150; Tilda, 170; Flag, 170; Charity, 120; Buck, 140; Queen, 160; Pigeon, 170; Nell, 150; Bill, 160; Jim, 140; Lije, 160; Step, 170; colt, 75.

Value of mules & colt		3,410 00
33 head of cattle, @ 5.00 per head		165 00
115 " hogs, @ 2.50 " "		287 00
42 " sheep, @ 2.00 " "		84 00
		3,946 00

Lot No. one will owe to lot No. two one dollar. The parties then proceeded to draw, when J. W. Vance, special tutor to Sarah E Vance, drew lot No. 1, which I adjudicated, together with the shares drawn in lot No. (2) two, to the said minor, S. E. Vance. The remaining lot, to wit, lot No. (1) one of the slaves and lot No. (2) two of the stock, I hereby adjudicate to the succession of J. B. G. Vance.

I then, aided by said experts, proceeded to form lot No. (1) one of slaves into two lots, as nearly equal as possible. The total value of said lot being $53,500.00, of which the said Sarah E. Vance is entitled to receive one-half in value, other half belonging to S. W. Vance, sr., and the two minors, Mary B. G. & Samuel W. Vance, jr.

493 LOT NO. ONE (1).

SLAVES.—Wash, 1,600; Maria, 800; Little Sol., 1,400; Peachy, 1,000; Sealy, 1,000; Paul, 700; Little Wash, 500; Mary, 300; Russel, 200; Henry Harrison, 1,000; Rose, 1,300; Fanny, 800; Caroline, 350; Winnie, 1,000; Charlotte, 600; George, 350; Caroline, 350; Julienne, 100; Eliza, 100; Little Charly, 1,400; Patsy, 600; Sam. William, 200; Sophie, 400; July, 1,000; Little Steve, 500; Little Alek, 1,300; Agnes, 1,600; Lavinia, 1,150; Jackson, 200; Dick, 1,300; Vinia, 200; Jim Pinewood, 1,350; Jeff, 1,200; Ebin, 600; Old Tom, 500.

Total value of slaves..... $26,500 00

LOT NO. (2) TWO.

SLAVES.—Ben, 500; Rachel, 1,000; Steve, 1,000; Tom, 1,400; Minnie, 800; Hamp, 700; Henry, 500; Lawrence, 100; Cain, 300; Mina, 800; Tom Barnett, 850; Collin, 1,200; Bill, 1,000; Melinda, 1,200; Sam, 100; Peggy, 500; Crawford, 1,200; Frank, 750; Margaret, 200; Frank, 1,500;

Emeline, 600; Giles, 400; Emiline, 1,400; Sandy, 1,500; Melinda, 1,200; Emily, 1,300; Big Jim, 500; July, 500; Charly P., 100; Gabe, 1,200; Dave, 400; Rosin, 1,400.

Value of slaves	27,000 00

Lot No. one will owe lot No. two five hundred (500) dollars. The lots being prepared, the parties prepared to draw when J. W. Vance, special tutor to Sarah E. Vance, drew lot No. 1, lot No. 2 drawn by S. W. Vance for himself and the minors Mary B. G. & S. W. Vance, jr.

We then divided the stock belonging to the separate estate of J. B. G. Vance into two lots, the total appraisement of said stock being $3,946.50. Sarah E. Vance being entitled to receive one-half in value, and S. W. Vance, sr., Mary B. G. & S. W. Vance, jr., the other half in value.

494 LOT NO. ONE (1).

MULES.—Lize, 200; Rock, 140; Sook, 175; Polly, 150; Rigler, 160; Queen, 160; Tilda, 170; Step, 170; Charity, 120; Bill, 160.

Total value of mules		1,705 00
16 head cattle, 5.00 per head		80 00
57 " hogs, 2.50 "		142 50
21 " sheep, 2.00 "		42 00
		1,969 50

LOT NO. TWO (2).

MULES.—Fox, 170; Doll, 170; Little Milly, 170; Jenny Lind, 150; Lij, 160; Lise, 160; Flag, 170; Pigeon, 170; Nell, 150; Jim, 140; 1 colt, 75.

Total value of mules and colt		1,685 00
17 head cattle, 5.00 per head		85 00
58 " hogs, 2.50 "		145 00
22 " sheep, 2.00 "		44 00
		1,959 00

Lot No. one will owe lot No. two ten dollars. The parties proceeded to draw, when J. W. Vance, special tutor to Sarah E. Vance, drew lot No. one (1). The remaining lot belonging to S. W. Vance, senior, Mary B. G. Vance, and S. W. Vance, jr. We then formed the remaining property belonging to said succession into two equal lots, S. W. Vance, sr., to receive one-half, and the minors, Mary B. G. Vance & Samuel W. Vance, junior, the other half, the lot of slaves to

be partitioned appraised at	27,000 00
Stock appraised at	1,959 00
Amount to be partitioned	28,959 00

LOT NO. ONE.

SLAVES.—Ben, 500; Rachel, 1,000; Steve, 1,100; Tom, 1,400; Winnie, 800; Hamp, 700; Henry, 500; Lawrence, 100; Frank, 1,500; Emily, 1,300; Big Jim, 500; Jane, 500; Rossin, 1,400; Gabe, 1,200; Charly P., 1,100.
Value of slaves..... 13,600 00

495 LOT NO. TWO (2).

SLAVES.—Cain, 300; Minna, 800; Tom Barnett, 850; Collin, 1,200; Bill, 1,000; Frank, 750; Emiline, 600; Sandy, 1,500; Melinda, 1,200; Sam, 100; Peggy, 500; Cranford, 1,200; Margaret, 200; Giles, 1,400; Dave, 400; Emiline, 1,400.

Value of slaves..... $13,400.00.

Lot No. one will owe lot No. two two hundred dollars—when S. W. Vance, sr., drew lot No. one, the remaining lot No. two (2) being drawn for the minors, Mary B. G. Vance & S. W. Vance, jr., all the parties believing it best and to the interest of the heirs not to partition the stock in the last lot.

I then, aided by said experts, proceeded to allot the lands in Bossier Parish and in Caddo Parish.

The total appraisement of land in Bossier being.....	45,671 68
" " " Caddo "	17,688 32
Total appraisement.....	63,360 00

Which we allotted in the proportion hereinbefore stated.

To Sarah E. Vance we allot the following described lands, to wit:

The Buck Hall plantation, in Bossier Parish, described as section twenty-four, township nineteen, range fourteen, lying east of Red River, containing twenty-three and .94 (23.94) acres, more or less; the whole of section nineteen, of range thirteen (except that portion of the southwest corner, west of the old Shreveport & public road), containing 623.64 acres; all of section twenty, of township nineteen, range thirteen west, of Williams Bayou, containing 88.24 acres—containing in all seven hundred & thirty-five .49 acres, appraised @ $40 per acre, $29,431.60.

496 The undivided one-third of section twenty-eight, township twenty, range thirteen, (except the southeast quarter of southeast quarter), and the east half of section twenty, same township & range, containing about 920 acres, appraised at 1.25 per acre, making 1,150.00; one-third of this is $383.33.

A tract of land situated in Red River bottom, Bossier Parish, adjoining 16th section, described as the west half of the southwest quarter of section fifteen, containing 79.45 acres, and northwest quarter of section twenty-two, containing 159.45 acres, all in township fifteen north, of range eleven

w., containing in all 238.90 acres, appraised at $5.00 per acre, making $1,194.50.

The whole of Plaindealing plantations in the hills, known and described as the southwest quarter of section two, southeast quarter & east half of southwest quarter of section three; all of section ten; west half of northwest quarter of section eleven, township twenty-two, range thirteen, containing 1,120 acres. Also the west half of section fourteen; all of section fifteen; northwest quarter of section twenty-two, containing 1,120 acres, containing in all 2,240 acres; appraised @ 5.00 p'r acre, $11,200.

The west fractional half of southeast fractional quarter of southeast quarter of section twenty-seven, north of Red River, township twenty-two, range fourteen, containing 200 acres, appraised at 7.00 per acre, making $1,400.00.

497 Fractional NW. ¼ of section twenty-four, NE. ¼ of section twenty-three, township nineteen, range fourteen, containing 240 acres, valued at $6,000.00.

Amount of land allotted to Sarah E. Vance, 3,973 acres, appraised at $49,609.33, she being entitled to receive in value $49,770.00, being a deficiency of $160.67.

We then allotted to S. W. Vance, senior, his interest in said succession, which is in value, $8,295.00. That portion of section three, lying west of Dooley's Bayou, and the east half of the southeast quarter of section four (4), township twenty-one, range fourteen, appraised at $5,906.93, being a deficiency of 2,338.07.

We then allotted to the minors M. B. G. Vance & Samuel W. Vance, jr., as their interest in said succession, the following lands, they jointly being entitled to receive in value, $8,295.00. The east half and south half of southwest quarter of section nine, that portion of sections ten & fifteen lying west of Dooley's Bayou, and that portion of northwest quarter of section sixteen, lying north of Dooley's Bayou, and that portion of the east half of northeast quarter, section seventeen, lying north of Dooley's Bayou, township twenty-one, range fourteen, appraised at $5,781.39. The last above described land lying in Caddo Parish.

498 The Coushatta Hill lands in Bossier, southeast quarter of section twenty-three, the west half of northeast quarter, and the east half of northwest quarter, southwest fractional quarter, and west half of southeast quarter of section twenty-six, township twenty-two, range fourteen, containing 622 acres more or less, appraised at three dollars per acre, $1,866.00.

Lot No. one, six, seven, & eight, of section thirty-four, north of Red River, township twenty-two, of range fourteen, containing 157 acres, appraised at 1.25 per acre, making $196.25. Total value of lands allotted to said minors, $7,843.64, being a deficiency of $451.26. The deficiencies in all the lots of land being $3,000.00, which said deficiencies are to be made good out of certain notes given by R. Y. Graves to the different parties to the aggregate amount of said deficiencies $3,000, it being the amount due by R. Y. Graves, tutor, in the exchange of Bee Bend land for part of Plaindealing lands in Bossier and certain lands in Caddo Parish. There being no other property to partition, I close this proces verbal, causing all of said

parties to sign the same with me, notary, on this 10th day of January, A. D. 1865.

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
" S. W. VANCE.
" R. Y. GRAVES, *Sp'l Tutor.*
(Signed) JAS. A. HERRON.
" J. W. VANCE, *Sp'l Tutor.*
" A. L. CHAPMAN, "
" P. R. GILMER, *Under Tutor.*

Attest:
(Signed) J. D. WILSON.
(Signed) W. E. ADGER.
(Signed) M. P. LONG,
Recorder & Ex Off. N. Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 21st, 1865. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk dist. court.

499 *Final account in succession of James B. G. Vance, &c.*

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

SUCCESSION OF JAMES B. G. VANCE, DECEASED.

To the hon. the judge of the 10th district court of Louisiana, in session:

Your petitioner, of said State and parish, respectfully represents that one of his minor children, James B. G. Vance, died on the 14th day of June, 1864, leaving an undivided interest in the estate of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd, his mother; his interest being the one-half with his germane sister, Sarah E. Vance, she being entitled to the other half. Your petitioner sets forth that he made application to your said court on the 7th day of July, 1864, for an inventory of said succession of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd, as yet undivided between said minors, and for convocation of a family meeting of the nearest relatives and friends of his minor child Sarah E. Vance and his other children, heirs at law with your petitioner in their half brother's succession, James B. G. Vance, dece'd, viz, Mary B. G. Vance and S. W. Vance, jr., for the purpose of consulting and deliberating for the interest of his said children. Your petitioner sets forth that on the 16th day of January, 1865, a partition was made of the property belonging to the succession of the said minor J. B. G. Vance, dec'd, between the heirs at law in said succession, consisting of your petitioner, as the only surviving parent, his germane sister, Sarah E. Vance, his half sister, Mary B. G. Vance, and his half brother, S. W. Vance, jr., the two last, as half brother and sister, issue of the last marriage of
500 your petitioner and Mrs. Sarah E. Gayle, formerly Sarah E. James.

Your petitioner being the only surviving parent of said minor was entitled to the one-fourth, in law, of his entire estate; that Sarah Eliza Vance, his germane sister, was entitled to three-eighths of his entire estat in the maternal line and to one-eighth of the same in the paternal line, being the one-half, and that Mary B. G. & S. W. Vance, jr., were each entitled to one-eighth of his estate. The following property, belonging to

said succession, was partitioned between the said heirs, viz: Lands, negroes, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, &c. The cotton, of which said minor held one-half interest, was not partitioned, with railroad stocks, mining and manufacturing co., insurance co., &c., the household and kitchen furniture, none of which has ever been partitioned. Your petitioner, being entitled to the one-fourth of said succession, received as his share the following property, to wit: Three hundred and seventy-two acres of land, situated in Caddo Parish, lying north & west of Dooley's Bayou, in sections three and four, said lands belonging to the late Mrs. E. L. Graves, and a note of R. Y. Graves, as tutor for his minor children, for the sum of two thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight & $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars, as a deficit in the lots set apart in said partition, and the following slaves, viz: Ben, Rachel, Steve, Tom, Winnie, Hamp, Henry, Lawrence, Frank, Emily, Big Jim, Jane, Rosin, Gabe, Charley P., making 15 slaves in number; and the following mules were drawn by your petitioner and his two youngest children, Mary B. G. Vance & Samuel W. Vance, jr., viz: Fox, Dolly, Little Milly, Jenny Lin,
501 Lije, Flag, Pigeon, Nelly, Jim, and sorrel colt Whit; with 17 head of cattle, 58 head of hogs, 22 head of sheep. His two youngest children, Mary B. G. Vance and Samuel W. Vance, jr., received the following slaves, viz: Cain, Minna, Tom Barnett, Collin, Bill, Frank, Emeline, Sandy, Malinda, Sam, Peggy, Crawford, Margaret, Giles, Emeline, and Dave Crockett, making 16 in number; and the following lands, viz: Seven hundred and seventy-four acres, situated in Caddo Parish, north and west of Dooley's Bayou, being the southern portion of land in the exchange of lands with the minors of Mrs. E. L. Graves, deceased; and 779 acres, more or less, of the Coushatta Hill lands, in this parish, in sections 23 & 26, township 22, range 14; and lots No. 1, 6, 7, & 8 of section 34 in same township and range, and a note on R. Y. Graves, as tutor for his minor children, for the sum of two hundred dollars. The remainder of the land mentioned above, viz, the interest of the said J. B. G. Vance, deceased, in the Buck Hall plantation; his interest in the hill lands of sections 28 & 29 in township twenty, range thirteen; his interest in section fifteen, in section twenty-two, township fifteen, north of range eleven; his interest in section two, section three, section ten, section eleven, in township twenty-two, range thirteen, the last known as part of old Plaindealing plantation; his interest in section fourteen, section fifteen, northwest of section twenty-two; his interest in section 27, north of Red River township
502 22, range 14; his interest in section 24, section 23, township nineteen, range 14, the last lot situated in Caddo Parish, and directly opposite and west of Buck Hall plantation, was awarded to his germane sister, Sarah E. Vance, with the following slaves, viz: Wash, Maria, little Sol, Peachy, Seally, Paul, little Wash, Mary, Russel, Henry Harrison, Rose, Fanny, Amos, Winnie, Charlotte, George, Caroline, July Ann, Eliza, little Charlie, Patsy, lame William, Sophia, July, little Steve, little Aleck, Agnes, Jackson, Vina, Jim, Pinewood, Jeff, Ebin, & old Tom, making 32 in number; & the following mules, viz: Rock, Lije, Sook, Polly, Right, Queen, Tilda, Step, Charity, Bill, making in all 10 mules; 16 head of cattle, 57 head of hogs, & 21 head of sheep. The stock, that is cattle, have died and been used as beef on the plantation of his said minor until but few are now left. The hogs have all been killed and used as pork on said plantation; the sheep have died, and some of the mules, leaving

the following, viz: Sook, Right, Tilda, Step, and Bill. The bay fillie, or colt of Kitty Clover mare, coming from the estate of G. E. Gilmer, deceased, is also dead. The cotton on hand at the time of partition of the succession of Mrs Mary B. Vance, dec'd, with the household and kitchen furniture, the railroads stock, the manufacturing co., the fire insurance co., &c, these stocks being a part of the succession of Peach R. Gilmer, dec'd, together with the notes heretofore mentioned in said succession, remain as yet undivided, and in which your petitioner with his children, Sarah Eliza Vance, Mary B. G. Vance, and Samuel
503 W. Vance, jr., are separately interested, as heretofore set forth. There being no claims against the succession of his son, James B. G. Vance, deceased, excepting his funeral expenses, which was charged in his first account, filed 19th of July, 1864, in the succession of Mary B. Vance, deceased, and for his monument, which was bought since the filing of said account, and which will be charged in this second account with the minor heirs of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd. The slaves have all been set at liberty or freed by the United States Government.

Your said petitioner, after having shown all the property belonging to his said minor son, James B. G. Vance, dec'd, the disposition made of the same, prays that after all legal notices & delays that the said statement or account of said minor son's succession, the disposition of the same be approved, homologated, & made the judgment of the court. He prays that Peachy R. Gilmer, under tutor to said minors, be duly notified of the filing of this account, and he prays for all further rules, notices, orders, & decrees needful in the premises and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural tutor to the minors J. B. G. & Sarah E. Vance.

I have examined this account, the statement made, &c., and find it correct, and fully approve the same, and waive notice of the filing of the same.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under 1 r.

Order of publication.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

SUCCESSION OF
JAS. B. G. VANCE, DEC'D.

504 Let publication of the filing of this final account be made by a publication in the "Bossier Banner," a weekly newspaper published in this parish, for the legal length of time.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 25, '67. (Sig'd) A. A. Mims, d'y. c'k.

Judgment of homologation.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

SUCCESSION OF
JAMES B. G. VANCE, DEC'D.

In this cause, by reason of the law, and the within account having been

advertised for more than thirty days without opposition, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed, that the said account be homologated and approved, and the same is hereby made the judgment of the court.

Thus done officially on this the first Saturday and fourth day of January, A. D. 1868.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 4th, 1869. (Signed) A. A. Mims, d'y clerk dist. court.

(End'd:) Filed & marked F. (Sig'd) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

THE ENTIRE RECORD OF SUCCESSION OF GEORGE E. GILMER, OFFERED AND RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE WITH LEAVE TO SUBSTITUTE CERTIFIED COPIES.

Petition for opening & probating will, &c.

To the hon. the judge of the 10th district court of Louisiana, in and for the parish of Bossier.

The petition of James W. Vance, a resident of the parish aforesaid, with respect represents, that George E. Gilmer, late a resident of said parish, departed this life on or about the 17th day of September last, at
505 Sharpsburg, Maryland, being at the time a member of the 1st Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers. Petitioner further represents that the said Geo. E. Gilmer a short time before enteriug the military service of the Confederate States, made his last will and testament, by which he appointed petitioner executor thereof, which said will is now in petitioner's possession in a sealed envelope. Petitioner further represents that Mary Gilmer, wife of John M. Sandige, residents of said parish, Martha Gilmer, Eliza Gilmer, wife of R. Y. Graves, & James B. G. Vance, and Sarah E. Vance, minor children of S. W. Vance, their natural tutor, all of said parish, are the only presumptive heirs of said George E. Gilmer, residing or present in said parish. Petitioner further represents, that the deceased resided in said parish, and his principal estate is situated there. The premises considered, the petitioner prays that the time and place for opening, proof and probate of the said George E. Gilmer be duly determined and fixed by the clerk of this honorable court (the judge being absent from the said parish); that the said Mary Gilmer, with her husband, John M. Sandige, to aid and assist her, with the other presumptive heirs mentioned, be duly cited to attend, if they may wish to do so, at the opening, proof and probate of said will.

Petitioner further prays that the said will of the said George E. Gilmer, be duly probated and registered, and its execution in every respect ordered. That petitioner be confirmed testamentary executor of the same with seizing of the entire property, rights and credits, of said deceased. In
506 conclusion petitioner prays for all orders, notices and decrees necessary and requisite in the premises and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) HODGE & DUNCAN,
Att'ys for Petitioner.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

In the matter of the foregoing petition of James W. Vance, praying for the opening, proof and probate, and the registry and execution, and his confirmation as testamentary executor of the last will and testament of George E. Gilmer, late a resident of this Bossier Parish, it is, by reason of the law, and the evidence being in favor of and supporting the allegations of the petition, ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the said will of the said George E. Gilmer be opened, at my office in the town of Bellevue, parish, aforesaid, at 11 o'clock a. m. on Saturday next, the 4th day of April, A. D. 1863, and that at that place and hour the said will be opened and duly probated according to law. It is further ordered that the presumptive heirs mentioned in the petition be cited as prayed for.

Done and signed at my office, town of Bellevue, parish of Bossier, this 30th day of March, A. D. 1863.

Witness my hand and seal of office.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk Dist. Court.

507 *Will of George E. Gilmer.*

Ne varietur.
(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk D. C.

I, George E. Gilmer, of the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament. First. I will & bequeath all of my property, both movable & immovable, except what I hereinafter bequeath to Peach R. Gilmer, to Martha George Gilmer, Eliza Lewis Gilmer, wife of R. Y. Graves, and J. B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, children of S. W. Vance and Mary B. Gilmer, deceased; that is to say, I give one-third of my property to the said Martha George Gilmer, one-third to said Eliza Lewis Gilmer, and one-third to the said children of S. W. Vance and Mary B. Gilmer, deceased. I will & bequeath to Peachy R. Gilmer, of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, the following slaves, to wit: Lewis and his wife, Hannah and their children, to wit, Ann and her children (names unknown), Fanny, Martha, Milly, Caroline, Bob, and Hannah's youngest child (name unknown), and slave Merriwether, & increase of all said slaves.

And further declare that it is my will that the said Martha G. Gilmer and Eliza L. Gilmer, and the said children of the said S. W. Vance and the said Mary B. Gilmer, shall receive my entire estate as it may be at my death, except the slaves which I have herein given to the said Peach R. Gilmer. I hereby appoint James W. Vance my sole executor of this will, and desire that he shall divide my estate among the parties as above named. Written, dated, and signed in my own handwriting (Ne varietur.

508 THOS. N. BRADEN, *Clerk, D. C.* Ne varietur. THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*) this 17th day of April, 1861.

(Signed) G. E. GILMER.

Attest:

(Sg'd) ROBERT L. GILMER.
" REUBEN WHITE.
" JOHN D. WORTHY.
" W. B. WHEELER.
(Signed) C. F. PHILSON.
" FOUNTAIN P. ARMSTEAD.
" E. J. PIGMER.

Ne varietur.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed April 4th, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Evidence to prove will.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

STATE OF LOUILIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority, R. L. Gilmer, who, after being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes and says that he was present, and Mr. George E. Gilmer presented a paper, which he declared in his presence and in the presence of other witnesses that the paper contained his will. This took place in the town of Shreveport in Col. B. L. Hodge's office, about the 17th day of April, 1861. He has examined the will marked A, purporting to be the last will and testament of George E. Gilmer, dec'd; that the said George E. Gilmer then & there, viz, at the office of B. L. Hodge, on the 17th day of April, 1861, presented said paper marked A to the witnesses and other witnesses, whose names are signed thereto, and
509 declared it to contain his last will and testament, and that he recognizes his own signature attached thereto, and he also recognizes the signature of the testator at the foot of the testament.

(Signed) R. A. GILMER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

SUCCESSION OF GEORGE E. GILMER, DECEASED.

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority, W B. Wheeler, who, after being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes and says: He has examined the document marked A, purporting to be the last will and testament of George E. Gilmer, deceased, and recognizes it as the same document which the said George E. Gilmer presented in the presence of witness and the other persons whose

names are signed to it as witnesses, and declared to them that it contains his last will and testament. He read the same to witness and other witnesses. This took place at the office of Hodge & Austin in the city of Shreveport, on the 17th day of April, 1861. Witness recognizes his own signature signed to said will as a witness, also recognizes the signature of the testator George E. Gilmer, signed at the bottom of said testament.

(Signed) WM. B. WHEELER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
P'h of Bossier:

SUCCESSION OF GEORGE E. GILMER, DEC'D.

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority, J. D. Worthy, who, after being duly sworn upon the Holy Evan-
510 gelist of Almighty God, deposes and says that he has examined the document marked A, purporting to be the last will & testament of George E. Gilmer, deceased, and recognizes it as the same document which the said George E. Gilmer, deceased, presented in the presence of witness and other persons whose names are signed to it as witnesses, and declared to them that it contained his last will and testament, and read the same to witness and other witnesses. This took place at the office of Hodges & Austin, in the city of Shreveport, on the 17th day of April, 1861. Witness recognizes his own signature signed to said will as a witness, & recognizes the signature of the testator George E. Gilmer, signed at the bottom of said testament.

(Signed) J. D. WORTHY.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

SUCCESSION OF GEO. E. GILMER, DEC'D.

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority, E. J. Pegres, who, after being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes and says that he has examined the document marked A, purporting to be the last will and testament of George E. Gilmer, and recognizes it as the same document which the said G. E. Gilmer presented in presence of witness and other persons whose names are signed to it as witnesses, and declared to them that it contained his last will and testament, and read the same to witness and other witnesses.
This took place in the office of Hodges & Austin in the city of
511 Shreveport, on the 17th day of April, 1861. Witness recognizes his own signature signed to said will as a witness; also recognizes the signature of the testator, George E. Gilmer, signed at the bottom of said instrument.

(Signed) E. J. PEGUS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

SUCCESSION OF GEORGE E. GILMER, DEC'D.

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority, W. B. Wheeler, who, after being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes and says that he recognizes the document marked A, purporting to be the last will and testament of George E. Gilmer, deceased, to be entirely written, dated, and signed in the handwriting of George E. Gilmer, deceased, as having often seen him write and sign during his life-time.

(Signed) W. B. WHEELER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

SUCCESSION OF GEORGE E. GILMER, DEC'D.

J. W. Vance, recalled, says that he recognizes the document marked A, purporting to be the last will and testament of George E. Gilmer, deceased, to be entirely written and dated & signed in the handwriting of the testator, George E. Gilmer, deceased, as having often seen him write and sign during his life-time.

(Signed) J. W. VANCE.

(Endorsed:) Filed April 4th, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. court.

512 Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

SUCCESSION OF GEO. E. GILMER, DECEASED.

In this cause, being satisfied of the death of the testator, and by reason of the law and evidence being in favor of the application of the executor, and being satisfied with the execution of said will, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the document attached to the petition in this case and marked A be declared to be the last will and testament of George E. Gilmer, dec'd, duly proven, and is hereby ordered to be executed, and that the same be ordered to be registered, deposited, and recorded in this office. It is further ordered that James W. Vance be confirmed as executor of the last will and testament of George E. Gilmer, deceased, and that letters issue to him as such, he having taken the oath as the law requires. Thus done and signed officially on this the 4th day of April, A. D. 1863.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

(Endorsed:) Filed April 4th, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Notice to M. E. Sandige et al.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

To Mrs. M. E. Sandige and Col. J. M. Sandige, her husband, of the parish of Bossier.

Notice is hereby given that J. W. Vance has this day filed in
513 office of said clerk his petition, praying the probation of the last will and testament of G. E. Gilmer, deceased, a resident of Bossier Parish: Now, therefore, this is to admonish you, and all persons concerned, that on Saturday, the 4th day of April next, 1863, in my office, in the town of Bellevue, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., is the time and place fixed by the court for the opening, proof, and probating of said will and testament.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

In the matter of the foregoing petition of James W. Vance, praying for the opening, proof, and probate and the registry and execution and his confirmation as testamentary executor of the last will and testament of George E. Gilmer, late a resident of Bossier Parish, it is, by the law and evidence being in favor of and supporting the allegations of the petition, ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the said will of the said George E. Gilmer be opened at my office, in the town of Bellevue, parish aforesaid, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday next, the 4th day of April, A. D. 1863, at that place and hour said will be proved a' duly probated according to law. It is further ordered that the presumptive heirs mentioned in the petition be cited as prayed for.

Done and signed at my office, in the town of Bellevue, parish of Bossier, on this the 30th day of March, 1873. Witness my hand and seal of office.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k D. Court.

514 *Sheriff's returns.*

I hereby certify having received this notice this 30th day of March, 1863, and served the same on 31st day of March, 1863, by handing a certified copy of this notice to Mrs. M. A. E. Sandige (her husband being absent), in the parish of Bossier, twenty-six miles from Bellevue, this 31st day of March, A. D. 1863. Sheriff's fees, $3.10.

(Signed) PHIL. ALDEN,
Sheriff.

(Endorsed:) Filed April 4th, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. court.

Acceptance of service of heirs, &c.

Tenth judicial district court, parish of Bossier.

SUCCESSION OF GEO. E. GILMER.

In the matter of petition of James W. Vance, praying for the opening and proof of will, filed March 30th, 1863.

And now come the undersigned, heirs of said deceased, and accept service of said petition, and waive all legal delays.

(Signed) E. L. GRAVES.
(Signed) MARTHA G. GILMER.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

(Endorsed:) Filed April 4th, 1863. (Signed), Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Procès verbal of G. E. Gilmer's will.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it remembered that on the 30th day of March, 1863, there was filed in the clerk's office of the district court, of the parish of Bossier, La., the petition of James W. Vance, accompanied with a document purporting to be the
515 last will and testament of Geo. E. Gilmer, dec'd, and praying that the same be admitted to probate and ordered to be executed, and that the petitioner be confirmed executor of said will, when I, the clerk of said court, ordered that the said will be marked A, and that the clerk's office at Bellevue and the hour of 11 a. m. this day be fixed as the time and place of probating said will and testament of George E. Gilmer, dec'd. I, said clerk, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., on said day, proceeded to examine Mr. James W. Vance, witness introduced to prove the death of the testator, and Mr. J. D. Worthy, E. J. Pegues, R. L. Gilmer, and W. B. Wheeler, and J. W. Vance, also introduced to prove the execution of said will, and after having sworn them upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, they gave testimony, orally, which was taken down by me in writing, and to each witness subscribing his own testimony. I then—considering said will fully executed—*I then* read it in an audible voice (after having paraphed it ne varietur) to the parties and witnesses and other bystanders, that its provisions might be known and understood, and ordered that the original of said will be deposited and recorded in the clerk's office of this court, and that it be executed; and it was further ordered that James W. Vance be confirmed as executor of said will, and that letters issue to him upon his qualification, as the law requires.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Bellevue, on the 4th
516 day of April, A. D. 1863.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

(Endorsed:) Filed April 4th, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden. c'k d. c.

Evidence to prove death of Geo. E. Gilmer.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Personally came and appeared before me the undersigned authority, J. W. Vance, who, after being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes and says that he knows from general rumor through the country, and from statements from the col. of his regiment, and from letters from persons from his company, that George E. Gilmer is dead. Rumor says he died at Sharpsburg, Maryland. His principal effects and last place of residence was, at the time he left, in the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana. He was a member of the 1st Regiment La. Volunteers.

(Signed) J. W. VANCE.

(Endorsed:) Filed April 4th, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Oath of executor.

I, James W. Vance, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me by law, as the executor of the last will and testament of Geo. E. Gilmer, late deceased, to the best of my ability. So help me God.

(Sig'd) J. W. VANCE.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 4th day of April, 1863.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

517 (Endorsed:) Filed April 4th, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Letters of executorship.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, 10th district court.

This to certify that James W. Vance has been duly appointed and confirmed executor of the last will and testament of Geo. E. Gilmer, deceased, having taken the oath as the law requires: Now, therefore, the said James W. Vance is hereby fully authorized to do & perform all & singular the duties incumbent on him by law in said capacity.

In testimony whereof I hereto sign my name and affix the seal of said court in my office, at the town of Bellevue, on this 4th day of April, 1863.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. C't.

(Endorsed:) Filed April 4th, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k dist. c't.

Petition for inventory in succ'n of Geo. E. Gilmer.

10th district court, parish of Bossier, Louisiana.

SUCCESSION OF GEO. E. GILMER.

To the honorable the judge of the 10th judicial dist't court, holding session in and for the parish of Bossier:

The petition of James W. Vance, who resides in the parish of Bossier, respectfully represents that he has been duly appointed, confirmed, and qualified as executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased, and has received letters of executorship. He further shows that
518 there is property, both real and personal, belonging to the succession of said deceased, situate and being in this parish, and that it is necessary that an inventory of the same should be made. Whereupon, he prays that after all due proceedings had in the premises, this honorable court issue an order to M. P. Long, notary public, directing him to take an inventory of the succession of the said deceased, and for all orders that may be necessary in the premises, and for general relief.

(Signed) HODGE & DUNCAN, *Att'ys.*

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

SUCCESSION OF GEO. E. GILMER, DECEASED.

In this cause, by reason of the law, it is ordered that the prayer of petitioner be granted, and that an inventory of all the property, both real and personal, rights and credits, found in said parish belonging to the succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, deceased, be made, and for this purpose a commission issue to M. P. Long, recorder and notary public, to make said inventory & apprais'ment. Thus done officially on this the 4th day of April, 1863.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed April 4th, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Commission to take inventory, &c.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

To M. P. Long, recorder & notary public in and for the parish of Bossier, greeting:

519 You are hereby authorized & required, in pursuance of an order of our said court, to take an inventory, and cause an apprais'ment

to be made of all the property, real and personal, rights & credits, found in your said parish belonging to the succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, late deceased, and make due return of your procès verbal of inventory to this office, as the law requires.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Bellèvue, on this 6th day of April, 1863.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 4, 1863. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Inventory & apprais'ment in succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, dec'd.

(See "T," pages 436 to 446.)

Petition for partition.

Succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, deceased.

ELIZA L. GRAVES ET AL.
vs.
J. B. VANCE ET ALS.

To the hon. the judge of the 10th judicial district court, holding session in and for the parish of Bossier:

The petition of Eliza L. Gilmer, wife of R. Y. Graves, both of the parish of Bossier, herein authorized and assisted by her said husband, and of Martha G. Gilmer, wife of P. V. O'Neil, both of the parish of Bossier, herein authorized and assisted by her said husband, respectfully represents that Geo. E. Gilmer, late of the parish of Bossier, died in the State of Maryland on or about the day of September, 1862; that deceased left a last will and testament, by which he disposed of his entire estate
520 in manner the following, to wit: A legacy of a family of negroes, consisting of thirteen persons, to Peachy R. Gilmer, the residue consisting of lands, slaves, and movables, to be divided between the following named persons, to wit: One-third to Mrs. Eliza L. Graves, one-third to Martha G. Gilmer, and one-third to James Blair Gilmer Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance, minor children of the late Mary B. Vance, de'd, and S. W. Vance, both of the parish of Bossier, which said property the said legatees, excepting the special legatee, P. R. Gilmer, now own in common. Petitioner further shows that James W. Vance was appointed executor of his said will, and as such has duly qualified, and that S. W. Vance is the only qualified tutor to the minors James Blair G. Vance & Sarah Eliza Vance. Your petitioner further shows that they are unwilling for a state of indivision longer to subsist between them, and that it will for the interest of all concerned that said property be partitioned in kind. Wherefore, in consideration of the premises, petitioners pray that service of this petition be made upon the minors James Blair Gilmer Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance, through their tutor, S. W. Vance, and also upon James W. Vance, executor, and that they be cited to answer the same, and that, after all due proceedings had, there be a judgment ordering & declaring a partition of the succession of the late Geo. E. Gilmer, deceased, except-

521 ing therefrom the special legacy to P. R. Gilmer, between your petitioners and the said minors, according to the terms and conditions of the will, and in the manner and form asked for, and for all such orders and decrees that may be necessary in the premises, and for general relief. This the 13th day of Feb., A. D. 1864.

(Signed) DUNCAN & HODGE,
Att'ys for Pet'r.

Service accepted and time waived.

(Signed) J. W. VANCE.
(") S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

(Endorsed:) Filed 18th of February, 1864. (Signed) Thos. A. Braden, c'k dist. court.

Order.

10th judicial district court, parish of Bossier.

ELIZA L. GRAVES ET AL.
vs.
JAMES B. G. VANCE ET AL.

By reason of the law and the evidence, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the succession of the late George E. Gilmer, with the exception of that portion of it bequeathed to Peachy R. Gilmer, to wit, a family of negroes, consisting of thirteen persons, be partitioned in kind among the following named persons, legatees under the will of said deceased, and in the following proportions, to wit: One-third to Eliza L. Graves, born Gilmer, & wife of R. Y. Graves, one-third to Martha G. Gilmer, wife of P. V. O'Neil, and one-third to the two minor children of the late Mary B. Vance, deceased, & S. W. Vance, to wit, James Blair Gilmer Vance & Sarah Eliza Vance; and it is further ordered, adjudged, & decreed that a commission to Milton P. Long, recorder and ex officio notary
522 public, directing him to make partition on or before the 1st day of March, 1864; and that James Marks, G. W. Sentell, & William M. Burns be appointed experts to aid and assist in making this partition. This done officially on this 18th day of Feb'y, 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed Feb. 18th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Answers to petition.

10th judicial district court, parish of Bossier.

ELIZA L. GRAVES ET AL.
vs.
JAMES B. G. VANCE ET AL.

And now comes S. W. Vance, tutor of the minors James Blair G.

Vance & Sarah Eliza Vance, and for answer to the petition of Eliza L. Graves & Martha G. O'Neil, praying for a partition of the succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, deceased, says that he has no objection to the partition as prayed for in said petition, and ask that there be judgment accordingly.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

(Endorsed:) Filed Feb. 18th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k dist. c't.

10th judicial district court, parish of Bossier.

ELIZA L. GRAVES ET AL.
vs.
JAMES B. G. VANCE ET AL.

And now comes into open court the defendant J. W. Vance, executor, and for answer to the petition says that he has no objection to same, & ask that there be judgment accordingly, this 18th day of Feb., 1864.

(Signed) J. W. VANCE.

523 (Endorsed:) Filed Feb. 18th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk dist. court.

Commission to make partition.

10th judicial district court, parish of Bossier.

ELIZA L. GRAVES ET AL.
vs.
JAMES B. G. VANCE ET AL.

To Milton P. Long, recorder & ex officio notary public in and for the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, greeting:

You are hereby authorized and required in pursuance of an order of our said court, to effect a partition of the succession of George E. Gilmer, deceased, with the exception of that portion of it bequeathed to P. R. Gilmer, to wit, (a family of negroes consisting of thirteen persons), among the following named legatees under the will of said deceased, and in the following proportions, to wit: One-third to Eliza L. Graves, born Gilmer, wife of R. Y. Graves; one-third to Martha G. Gilmer, wife of P. V. O'Neil, and one-third to the minor chidren of the late Mary B. Vance, deceased, and S. W. Vance, to wit, James B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance. You will call to your aid and assistance Messrs. James Marks, G. W. Sentell, & William M. Bevens, experts appointed by the court to aid and assist you in making this partition.

Given under my hand & seal of office, at Bellevue, on this 18th day of February, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed March 21st, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk dist. court.

524 *Partition in succession of Geo. E. Gilmer.*

OATH OF EXPERTS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

We, George W. Sentell, James Marks, and William M. Bevens, having been appointed experts to assist in making a partition and division of the property in kind belonging to the succession of George E. Gilmer, deceased, between the heirs of said succession, do solemnly swear that in making said partition we will act impartially and according to the best of our knowledge and ability. So help us God.

(Signed) GEO. W. SENTELL.
(S'g'd) JAMES MARKS.
(Signed) WILLIAM M BEVENS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 26th day of February, 1864.
(Signed) M. P. LONG,
Recorder & Notary Public.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

Be it known that I, Milton P. Long, recorder & ex officio notary public in and for said parish and State, duly commissioned and sworn, by virtue of a commission to me directed from the hon. the clerk of the district court in and for the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, after repairing to the residence of Dr. J. W. Vance, in said parish, proceeded to make a partition in kind of all the land & slaves belonging to, also a portion of the personal property found in, the succession of George E. Gilmer, deceased, between the parties in interest or heirs of said deceased, to wit:

Eliza L. Gilmer, wife of R. Y. Graves, Martha G. Gilmer, wife of
525 P. V. O'Neil, and the two minor children of the late Mary B. Vance, dec'd, and S. W. Vance, to wit, Jas. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, here represented by their natural tutor, S. W. Vance, all of said parties having appeared and waiving a written notice. I caused also to be present Messrs. G. W. Sentell, James Marks, & Wm. M. Bevens, experts appointed by the court to assist in making said partition, which said experts I qualified according to law, when said experts and me, notary, proceeded to make the partition as follows: We find on examination of the inventory made April 28th, 1863, which is to serve as a basis of this partition, that as to the slaves therein mentioned, that there was then 139 slaves appraised at $119,300.00. Since said inventory was made P. R. Gilmer has received the slaves donated to him by the said George Gilmer, dec'd, to wit, Lewis and his family, & Merriwether & his family, numbering in all thirteen slaves, valued in said inventory at $10,050.00, leaving the number to be partitioned after deducting the number who have died, and counting the number born to be 131 slaves—

Estimated by said experts at $110,950.00	$110, 950 00
Land estimated at	$79, 900 00
Personal property estimated at	$51, 178 00
Rights & credits	$53 80
Total amount	$242, 081 80

There being three parties, each to have an equal share, the said experts proceeded to form said property into three lots as near equal in
526 value as possible, which lots are composed as follows, to wit:

LOT NO. ONE (1).

First, the land on Red River known as Bee Bend plantation, one-third of said plantation in value containing four hundred & sixty-nine $\frac{65}{100}$ acres of the northern portion of said tract: Beginning at the northwest corner of section 28, township nineteen, range thirteen, and running south, on original section line, 58 chains & 80 links; thence north 89° 10′ east 80 chains and 13 links to east boundary line of said section; thence north on east boundary 59 chains 74 links to the section corner; thence south 89° 10′ west to the beginning, estimated at $20,288.33; and one plantation known as Plaindealing on the Hills, west half of northeast quarter of section twenty-two, all of section twenty-three, except the east half of southeast quarter and the east half of west half of section No. twenty-six, township twenty-two, range thirteen, containing eleven hundred & twenty acres, more or less, estimated at $5.00 per acre, making $5,600.00.

LOT NO. ONE OF SLAVES.

John,	aged	36	years,	valued at	.....	1,300	00
Jane,	"	23	"	"	.....	1,100	00
Maria,	"	14	"	"	.....	850	00
Molly,	"	4	"	"	.....	400	00
Edmond,	"	41	"	"	.....	1,200	00
Eliza,	"	27	"	"	.....	1,200	00
Sally,	"	12	"	"	.....	900	00
William,	"	28	"	"	.....	1,450	00
Laura,	"	22	"	"	.....	1,300	00
Granville	"	5	"	"	.....	400	00
527 Nancy,	aged	2	years,	valued at	.....	250	00
Old Nancy,	"	70	"	"	.....	50	00
Two infants, twin children				"	.....	200	00
Mose,	aged	20	years,	"	.....	1,500	00
Jack,	"	18	"	"	.....	1,500	00
Tom,	"	16	"	"	.....	1,200	00
Ritta,	"	13	"	"	.....	1,000	00
Billy,	"	11	"	"	.....	600	00
Handy,	"	27	"	"	.....	1,200	00
Carr,	"	32	"	"	.....	1,600	00
Patsy,	"	50	"	"	.....		
Jack,	"	51	"	"	.....	700	00
Barbary,	"	39	"	"	.....	1,000	00
Mary,	"	18	"	"	.....	1,300	00
Charity,	"	16	"	"	.....	1,300	00
Isaac,	"	13	"	"	.....	1,000	00
Tilda,	"	11	"	"	.....	850	00
John,	"	9	"	"	.....	700	00
Eliza,	"	7	"	"	.....	500	00
Jerry,	"	5	"	"	.....	400	00

Frank,	"	4	"	"	"	400 00
Infant of Barbary,				"	"	100 00
Munroe,	aged	32	"	"	"	1,500 00
Dally,	"	27	"	"	"	1,200 00
Eva,	"	11	"	"	"	850 00
Eda,	"	2	"	"	"	200 00
Martha,	"		"	"	"	100 00
Ephraim,	"	32	"	"	"	1,200 00
Austin,	"	24	"	"	"	1,400 00
Charley,	"	27	"	"	"	1,200 00
Martha,	"	12	"	"	"	850 00
Milly,	"	10	"	"	"	500 00
Lucinda,	"	5	"	"	"	300 00

528 Lizzie, the crazy woman, goes with this lot No. one (1), and the owner of this said lot, No. one, is to receive from lots No. 2 & 3 each $50 per annum on specie basis during her life or derangement.

The slaves belonging to lot No. one valued at	$36,750 00
Stock belonging to lot No. one, 1st, mules Fly, Mary, Late, Milda, Queen, Jack, Lize, Ned, Sol, Polly, Jane, Sol, Milda, Lize, gray mare and colt, making sixteen head, estimated at	2,698 33
One Bois d'Arc wagon, valued at	200 00
" old broken down wagon	50 00
Lot plows, hoes, plow gear, &c	200 00
Amount partitioned to lot No. one	$65,856 66
1 spinning *ginny* added	540 00
Total amount partitioned	$66,396 66

LOT NO. TWO (2).

Composed, 1st, of the third part of Bee Bend plantation in value. To commence on the western boundary of section twenty-eight 58 chains & 80 links from the northwest corner of said section, and run south 58 chains & 80 links on the boundary line between sections thirty-two and thirty-three, thence north 89° 10′ east 80 chains & 7 links to the eastern boundary of section thirty-three; thence north 58 chains 80 links to the boundary of the southern boundary of the above described lot No. one; thence west along said boundary to the beginning; also the third part of the plantation known as the Plaindealing place, described as the
529 *as the* southwest quarter of section two, southeast quarter and east half of southwest quarter section three; all of section ten; west half of northwest quarter of section eleven, township twenty-two, range thirteen, containing 1,120 acres, more or less, appraised at $5.00 per acre, making $5,600.20.

The Bee Bend lot in bottom contains 469.65 acres, appraised at 20,288.33.

SLAVES BELONGING TO LOT NO. 2.

Milly,	aged	60	years,	valued at	.....	100 00
Jim,	"	24	"	" "	.....	1,300 00
Anderson,	"	27	"	" "	.....	1,500 00
Becky,	"	25	"	" "	.....	1,300 00
Caroline,	"	6	"	" "	.....	500 00
Hannah,	"	4	"	" "	.....	500 00
William,	"	2	"	" "	.....	200 00
Vina,	"	14	"	" "	.....	1,100 00
Amos,	"	45	"	" "	.....	1,000 00
Milly,	"	35	"	" "	.....	1,000 00
Charlotte,	"	12	"	" "	.....	600 00
George,	"	5	"	" "	.....	350 00
Caroline,	"	3	"	" "	.....	250 00
Infant of Milly,	"		"	" "	.....	100 00
Cyrus,	"	22	"	" "	.....	1,000 00
Ellen,	"	34	"	" "	.....	1,000 00
Infant of Ellen,	"		"	" "	.....	100 00
Louisa,	"	45	"	" "	.....	800 00
Jenny,	"	24	"	" "	.....	1,400 00
Clark,	"	18	"	" "	.....	1,600 00
Miles,	"	14	"	" "	.....	1,500 00
Jim,	"	16	"	" "	.....	1,400 00
Silvy,	"	14	"	" "	.....	1,000 00
530 Morgan,	aged	13	years,	valued at	.....	1,000 00
Charles,	"	10	"	" "	.....	700 00
Ellen,	"	1	"	" "	.....	150 00
Two infant children of Silvy,				" "	.....	200 00
Bob,	aged	30	years,	" "	.....	1,500 00
Patsy,	"	25	"	" "	.....	1,200 00
Alcy.	"	8	"	" "	.....	650 00
Billy,	"	½	"	" "	.....	100 00
Alice,	"	2	"	" "	.....	150 00
Sealy,	"	22	"	" "	.....	1,400 00
Infant child of Sealy,					.....	100 00
Julia,	aged	27	"	" "	.....	1,300 00
Frank,	"	35	"	" "	.....	1,150 00
Milly Ann,	"	7	"	" "	.....	500 00
Henry,	"	5	"	" "	.....	500 00
Richmond,	"	3	"	" "	.....	300 00
Frank,	"	1	"	" "	.....	150 00
Isaac,	"	30	"	" "	.....	1,350 00
Ellen,	"	20	"	" "	.....	1,200 00
Ned,	"	49	"	" "	.....	1,600 00
Fanny,	"	23	"	" "	.....	1,300 00
Infant of Fanny,				" "	.....	100 00

Value of slaves in lot No. 2..... $36,700 00

STOCK LOT NO. 2.

1st. Mules: Falk, Lize, Milly, Step, Polly, Bill, Charly, Polly, Queen, Sook, Pat, Young Fox, black mare & colt, all appraised at	2,698 33
2 Bois d'Arc wagons	350 00
1 lot plows, hoes, plow gear, &c	200 00
Household & kitchen furniture, hogs, cows, &c	560 00
Total amount of lot No. 2	66,396 00

2 old negroes, Lucy & Abram, appraised at nothing, to go with lot No. 2.

531 LOT NO. THREE (3).

The third part in value of Bee Bend plantation to embrace the east half of northeast quarter of section thirty-two and that portion of section No. thirty-three lying south of lot No. two (2) and west of Benoit's Bayou, except the portion deeded to Cæsar Wallace, containing 278 acres and the improvements thereon, valued at $20,288.33.

The third part in value of the Plaindealing plantation, in the hills, to wit: The west half of section fourteen, all of section fifteen (except the west half of southwest quarter), and the northwest quarter of section twenty-two, containing 1,080 acres, at $5.00 per acre, making $5,400.00.

SLAVES IN LOT NO. THREE (3).

Kit,	aged	20	years,	valued	at	1,600 00
Jenny,	"	21	"	"	"	1,000 00
Old Bob,	"	60	"	"	"	300 00
Becka,	"	50	"	"	"	300 00
Nick,	"	20	"	"	"	1,700 00
Peter,	"	11	"	"	"	1,000 00
Harry,	"	18	"	"	"	1,400 00
Suzann,	"	18	"	"	"	1,250 00
John,	"	32	"	"	"	1,500 00
Dinah,	"		"	"	"	800 00
Sam,	"	28	"	"	"	1,300 00
Fanny,	"	25	"	"	"	1,300 00
Reah,	"	9	"	"	"	550 00
Jeff,	"	7	"	"	"	750 00
Mary,	"	16	"	"	"	1,300 00
Burt,	"	50	"	"	"	600 00
532 Hannah,	aged	26	years,	valued	at	1,200 00
Rose,	"	5	"	"	"	400 00
Infant of Hannah,			"	"		100 00
Ann,	aged	25	"	"	"	1,100 00
Louisa,	"	25	"	"	"	1,700 00
John,	"	30	"	"	"	1,300 00
Patience,	"	20	"	"	"	1,200 00
Sam,	"	67	"	"	"	200 00

Jane,	"	28	"	"	"	1,200 00
Lizer,	"	4	"	"	"	300 00
William,	"	40	"	"	"	1,100 00
Ester,	"	45	"	"	"	800 00
Edmund,	"	18	"	"	"	1,600 00
Cluff,	"	15	"	"	"	1,300 00
Frank,	"	13	"	"	"	1,150 00
Doctor,	"	11	"	"	"	900 00
Berk,	"	9	"	"	"	800 00
Mary,	"	7	"	"	"	600 00
Abram,	"	5	"	"	"	400 00
Jane,	"	25	"	"	"	1,100 00
Francis,	"	6	"	"	"	400 00
Eliza,	"	2	"	"	"	200 00
Daniel,	"	50	"	"	"	800 00
Lucinda,	"	40	"	"	"	800 00

Value of slaves $37,500 00

STOCK IN LOT NO. THREE (3).

1st. Mules: Rock, Charlotte, Bob, Jim, Joe, Emily, Nell, Little Fly, Rush, Mary, Maria, Emily, Big Bet, Mouse, small gray mare, 15 head, estimated at	2,698 33
1 Bois d'Arc wagon, $60; 1 cart, $50.....	110 00
Plows, hoes, & plow gear, &c	200 00
Total amount of lot No. 3	$66,396 66

533 The lots being arranged the parties proceeded to draw lots, which resulted as follows:

Whereupon Martha J. O'Neal herein authorized and assisted by her husband, P. V. O'Neal, drew lot No. one.

S. W. Vance, tutor to the minors J. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, drew lot No. two, and Eliza L. Graves, herein authorized and assisted by her husband, R. Y. Graves, drew lot No. three (3). It is understood that the Confederate bonds in the possession of the executor, as well as the cotton on hand, is excluded from this partition for further disposition. It is further understood that the other effects not particularly specified in this partition are to be equally divided between the parties to this partition. It is ascertained by the survey made for the purpose of this partition that the quantity of land actually belonging to the succession falls short of the quantity inventoried, the deficiency in the Bee Bend plantation being 10.70 acres, and the deficiency in the Plaindealing plantation being four hundred & twenty acres. The experts and parties all agree to the foregoing partition, except Mr. James Marks, one of the experts, who disagrees with the majority as to the division of the Bee Bend plantation. There being no other business or matters for this partition, I hereby close the same, causing said experts and parties to sign the same with me, notary public, R. Y. Graves & P. V. O'Neil signing as authorizing &

534 assisting their wives in presence of the subscribing witnesses of lawful age and domicile, on this the 20th day of February, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
" G. W. SENTELL.
" R. Y. GRAVES.
" WM. HAYNES.
" R. H. DAVIS.
(Signed) WM. M. BEVENS.
" E. L. GILMER.
" M. G. O'NEIL.
" P. V. O'NEIL.
" S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*
" J. W. VANCE.
(Signed) M. P. LONG,
Recorder & Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed March 21st, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Petition for homologation of partition.

To the hon. the judge of the 10th judicial district court, holding session in and for the parish of Bossier:

The petition of Eliza L. Graves, nee Gilmer, wife of R. Y. Graves, herein authorized and assisted by her husband and Martha G. O'Neil, nee Gilmer, wife of P. V. O'Neil, herein authorized by her husband, all whom reside in the parish of Bossier, respectfully represents that in compliance with the judgment and order of this honorable court a partition in kind has been made between the testamentary heirs of the late George E. Gilmer of his succession by M. P. Long, notary and recorder, and proper persons as experts; that the act of partition has been filed in the clerk's office of this honorable court.

Wherefore, in consideration of the premises, petitioners pray that S. W. Vance, tutor of his minor children, James B. G. Vance & Sarah
535 E. Vance, be served with a copy of this petition, and that after all due proceedings had, said act of partition be homologated according to law, and for all orders and decrees necessary in the premises, and for general relief.

(Signed) HODGE & DUNCAN,
Att'y for P't.

I accept service and waive time. Feb. 26th, 1864.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

(Endorsed:) Filed March 21st, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Answer of S. W. Vance to petition, &c.

ELIZA L. GRAVES ET AL.
vs.
J. B. G. VANCE ET AL.

And now comes into court S. W. Vance, tutor of his minors, James B.

G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, and for answer says that he has no objection to the homologation of the partition as prayed for, but asks that it be made the judgment of the court.

(Signed) SAMUEL W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

(Endorsed:) Filed March 21, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Judgment of homologation.

In this cause, by reason of the law and the regularity of the partition, held before M. P. Long, recorder & notary public, between the heirs of the succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, deceased, of the property belonging to the succession of George E. Gilmer, dec'ed, and the acceptance of S. W. Vance, tutor, it is ordered and decreed that said partition be homol-
536 ogated and approved, & the same is hereby made the judgment of the court.

This done officially on this the 28th day of March, 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

(Endorsed:) Filed March 28th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Petition & homologation of final account.

To the honorable the judge of the 10th judicial district court, holding session in and for the parish of Bossier:

The petition of J. W. Vance, the executor of the succession of George E. Gilmer, deceased, respectfully represents that he has herewith filed a final account of his administration.

Wherefore he prays that after due notice given and due proceedings had, that said account may be homologated and your petitioner discharged, and for general relief.

(Signed) HODGE & DUNCAN, *Att'ys.*

(Endorsed:) Filed May 21, '64. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k.

FINAL ACCOUNT.

James W. Vance in % with succ'n of G. E. Gilmer, Dr.

1863.			
Apr.	7.	To amount received from C. S., for wagon and team, pressed into service, fourteen hundred dollars, less one hundred & forty (140) for collection	1,260 00
April	1.	Amount received from parish of Bossier, contribution for clothing	28 00
Apr	18.	Amount received for corn sold C. S., 3,282 bush'ls, @ 1.25	4,102 50
"	24.	Amount received from W. B. Wheeler, for meat sold off plantation, 600 lbs., @ 35c	210 00
537		Debits continued.	
		1863.	

Apr.	29.	To am't rec'd from Mrs. Ford on her note.....	21 25
May	8.	" " " " N. A. Cooper, for corn sold off Plaindealing place.....	170 00
"	16.	" am't rec'ed from W. B. Wheeler for lard, &c., sold off plantation.....	128 00
"	"	" am't rec'ed from Capt. Barret, P. A. Q. M. at Shreveport, for hire of boy, wagon, & 2 mules.....	30 00
July	4.	Am't rec'ed of W. B. Wheeler, corn sold off plantation.....	500 00
"	30.	Am't rec'ed from C. S. for work done on Red River defences.....	110 00
Aug.	12.	Amount rec'ed from C. S. for work done on telegraph line.....	125 00
"	22.	Am't rec'ed in C. S. bonds, being the proceeds of 390 b. c., @ 18c. p'r pound.....	36,000 00
"	"	Balance on above sale in cash.....	164 34
Nov.	16.	Amount rec'ed from C. S. for corn sold off River place, @ 1.00 p'r bush.....	1,010 00
Dec.	1.	Am't rec'd of C. S. for corn, 968 bushels, @ 1.00 p'r bushel.....	968 00
"	20.	Amount received from W. B. Wheeler, 1864, for corn sold off plantation.....	600 00
Jan.	28.	Amount received from W. B. Wheeler.....	100 00
Feb.	8.	" " " " , corn sold of' River place, 2.00 p'r bl.....	1,200 00
	13.	Amount received on coupons C. S. bonds.....	1,546 56
		Amount of money received.....	$12,273 65

Amount of bonds in hands of executor to be divided equally between the testamentary heirs, to wit: One-third to Eliza L. Graves;
538 one-third to Martha G. O'Neil, and one-third to the minor children of S. W. Vance. The balance of the effects of the succession, with the exception of a family of slaves, have been partitioned and divided between the testamentary heirs of deceased. See copy of succession and receipts herewith filed. The family of slaves referred to were bequeathed to P. R. Gilmer, and have been delivered to him. See receipt herewith filed.

James W. Vance, in % with succ'n of G. E. Gilmer.

CREDITS.

1863.			
May	22.	By cash paid P. D. Taylor's % for the year 1861, voucher A.....	34 31
"	3.	" cash paid Nicholas & Culps, voucher B.....	104 34
June	2.	" " " V. E. Hamilton, negroe shoes.....	199 00
"	9.	" " " cotton cards, River plant.....	35 00
"	12.	" " " salt & salt kettles, voucher.....	191 88
"	20.	" " " " " "	123 04
"	29.	" " 1 pr. wool cards for Plaindealing.....	33 00
July	17.	" " salt at Rayburn's works, for plantation, voucher.....	60 00

"	"	"	"	ferriage	2 00
Oct.	17.	"	"	Cooper & Conly, for tanning vo'ch	62 44
"	18.	"	"	paid C. S., for exemption of Wheeler, as overseer, for 12 months	500 00
Dec.	6.	"	"	sheriff, for State, parish, school, & internal-improvement tax for the year 1862, State tax for 1861, voucher D	1,285 98
"	"	"	"	paid N. Vance, for excess of salt for rent of partnership kettles, vouch	128 00
1864.					
Feb.	19.	"	"	paid Kelly for sending letter to W. Maples, voucher	5 00

539 Credits continued.

1864.

Jan.	1.	Cash paid J. P. Vance, wages, as overseer on Plain-dealing plantation, 1863. Voucher	368 00
"	20.	Cash paid D. A. Davidson, for repairs on wagon. Voucher O	60 00
Feb.	13.	Cash paid McCullough for field notes to make plantation survey. Vouch. P	7 00
"	21.	Cash paid Wm. Hayes, for blacksmith account. Voucher Q	143 00
"	26.	Cash paid Robt. A. Nuckolls, medical %, 1861. Voucher R	13 00
"	28.	Cash paid W. B. Wheeler for use of plantation, 1863 & 1864. Voucher	31 00
M'ch	1.	Cash paid M. P. Long for making inventory succession property. Vouch. S	100 00
Apr.	3.	Cash paid D. Jones for overseeing negroes on fortifications. Voucher	16 00
"	27.	Cash paid sheriff for parish tax, 1863. Voucher U	609 18
"	"	Cash paid M. P. Long, making partition of property. Voucher V	200 00
"	"	Cash paid Isaac Murrel for making plantation survey of succ'n property. Vou. W	$300 00
June	1.	Amount due J. W. Vance as per % herewith filed, marked No. 1	7,172 77
		Clerk's fees	78 20
		Sheriff's fees	3 10
		Hodge & Duncan, att'ys	1,500 00
		Am't paid Confederate war tax	859 00
		To amount received from Confederate States for hire of hands, &c., on public works at Shreveport, five hundred & fifty-six $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars	$556 30

540 VOUCHERS.

Vouch. A.] BENTON, LA., *May* 22*d*, 1863.

Geo. E. Gilmer bought of K. P. D. Taylor & Co.:

1861.

Jan.	12.	2 boxes olive oil, 8*s.*; 2 box' mustard, 8*s*	4 00

"	"	1 cork screw 4*s.*; 1 hat for Brune, 8*s*.....	1 50
"	13.	1 cowhide 10c; 1 pr. buck gloves, 18*s*.....	2 35
"	"	1 bottle claret.....	1 50
"	"	1 " dew drop wine.....	1 00
"	19.	2 " claret wine, 12*s*.....	3 00
"	"	1 cork-screw knife.....	3 50
Dec.	15.	½ doz. C. C. files, J. P. Vance	4 00
"	"	11 C. S. hoes, do.	10 00
		Interest 1 year, 4 months & 22 days.....	3 46
			34 31

Received payment of the above ⁄c by the hands of J. W. Vance this 22d day of May, 1863.

(Signed) K. P. D. TAYLOR & CO.
By K. P. D. TAYLOR,
(In liquidation.)

Vouch. B.] SHREVEPORT, *May 23d*, 1863.

Rec'ed of Dr. J. W. Vance the sum of one hundred and four and $\frac{34}{100}$ dollars, as executor of the estate of Geo. E. Gilmer, for the following accounts:

G. M. Nichols Co.....	18 90
G. M. Nichols & Co., in liq.....	61 44
S. W. S. Curp.....	24 00
	$104 34

(Signed) J. T. DUFRESNE.

C.] *Geo. E. Gilmer, p'r J. W. Vance, to W. E. Hamilton, Dr.*

1862.

March	10.	To 9 prs. russets @ 3¾.....	29 25
"	"	" 1 " extra size.....	4 50
"	22.	" 14 " russetts @ 3¾.....	45 50
Feb. 2, '63.		" 35 " " " "	113 75
			$193 09
541	V. C.]	Amount bro't forward	193 00
		Interest, 5 per cent	6 40
		Rece'd pay of Wheeler	$199 40

(Signed) W. E. HAMILTON.

V. .] HEADQUARTERS COUS. DIST., LA.,
Shreveport, 14th May, 1864.

I certify that five hundred dollars was paid to me in 1863 while acting as enrolling officer of Bossier Parish, La., being the amount required by law for detail of Wm. B. Wheeler as overseer on the plantation of the estate of George E. Gilmer, the amount being paid by Dr. J. W. Vance, executor of said estate.

(Signed) E. G. RANDOLPH,
Col. Com'd'g Coust. Dist., La.

Vouch. .] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Decem.* 1, '63.

$1,285.68.] Received of J. W. Vance, for estate of Geo. E. Gilmer, twelve hundred and eighty-five & $\frac{78}{100}$ dollars in full for State, parish, school, & internal improvement tax due for the year A. D. 1863 & State tax for 1861.

(Signed) PHILO ALDEN,
Sheriff & Tax Collector.

Voucher N.] Rece'd Jan. 1st, 1864, of J. W. Vance, executor of the estate of Geo. E. Gilmer, three hundred & sixty-eight dollars in full of my wages as overseer on Plaindealing plantation during the year 1863.

(Signed) J. P. VANCE.

This was settled by $68 in cash and note for $300.00.

Vouch. O.] COLLINSBURG, LA.

Est. of Geo. E. Gilmer to D. A. Davidson, Dr.

To putting in Bois d'Arc spokes & shrinking tire.....	12 00
By 2 hands 3 days' work.....	6 00
	6 00

542 Vouch. P.] *Dr. J. W. Vance, ex'tx of Geo. E. Gilmer, deceased, to State of Louisiana, Dr.*

1864.
Feb. 13. For certified plats & field notes in township No. 19, of range 13 W., & T. 21 N., R. 14 W., & T. 22 N., R. 13 W., NW. dist. of La $7 00

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) W. J. McCULLOCH,
Com'r Public Lands.

Vouch. *O.*] *G. E. Gilmer to Mrs. M. G. Gilmer.*

1863 & '62.

Feb.	1st.	To putting two wings to plows.....	21 00
"	"	" making new bar to plow.....	6 75
"	"	" laying one plow.....	2 50
"	28.	" making 2 heel bolts.....	1 50
Sept.	25.	" " 2 spindles.....	3 00
1862.			
Jan.	14.	" laying 12 2-horse plows	12 00
"	"	" making 6 rods & bolts	4 00
"	"	" repairing screw	1 00
"	23.	" laying 10 plows.....	10 00
"	26.	" " 14 "	14 00
"	"	" patching 6 plows.....	1 50
"	"	" repairing plow.....	1 00
Feb.	16.	" laying 12 plows.....	12 00

Dec. 10.	" " 29 " , 1.50 each		44 00
" "	" sharpening 5 plows		1 00
" "	" putting 2 new wings on bar		2 00
" "	" making 2 heel bolts		4 00
" 30.	" repairing saussage stuffer		2 00
			$143 00

Rece'd payment in full from J. W. Vance.
(Signed) WILLIAM HAYNES.

V. R.] *Mr. Geo. R. Gilmer to Robt. H. Nuckholls, M. D., Dr.*

1861.

Apr. 11th.	Prescription & mileage at night	3 50
" 12th.	" & medicine	2 50
		6 00

543	Amount brought forward	6 00

1861.

April 13.	Prescription & mileage	3 00
" 20.	" "	3 00
" "	*R*essary placed, cost of same	1 00
		13 00

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Rob't N. Nuckolls, sworn, says that the above amount of $13 is just and correct, and is still due.
(Signed) ROBT. N. NUCKOLLS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th February, A. D. 1864.
(Signed) THOS. A. BRADEN, *C'k.*

Rece'd payment in full on the within amount this Feb. 26th, 1864.
(Signed) R. NUCKOLLS,
Pr. M. P. LONG.

"S." Vouch. "S."] *Succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, deceased, to M. P. Long recorder & notary public.*

1863.

Apr. 29.	Making inventory, attention of time &'	$100 00

Rec'ed payment of J. W. Vance in full.
Feb. 2d, 1864.
(Signed) PHIL. ALDEN,
For M. P. LONG.

Vouch. U. $609.18.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Apr. 27th*, 1864.

Received from J. W. Vance, for estate of Geo. E. Gilmer, six hundred & nine $\frac{18}{100}$ dollars in full for parish tax due for the year A. D. 1863.
(Signed) PH. ALDEN,
Sheriff and Tax Coll.

" V.] *Succession of George E. Gilmer to M. P. Long, recorder, Dr.*

1864.
Feb. 26. To making partition & attention of time 5 days, & recording procès verbal 200 00

The executor of the above succession will please pay Phil. Alden the above am't, and this shall be a receipt for the same.
April 3d, 1864.
(Signed) M. P. LONG.

544 Voucher W. $300.00.]
Rec'ed Minden, La., April 28th, 1864, of Dr. J. W. Vance, executor of Geo. E. Gilmer, dec'd, three hundred dollars in full for surveying succession lands & maps, &c., for estate.
(Signed) ISAM MURREL.

Vouch. .] *Estate of Geo. E. Gilmer to Philo Alden, Dr.*

1863.
March 21. To serving notice on Mrs. M. E. Sandige 50
" " " travelling 52 miles 2 60
3 10

Rec'ed payment of J. W. Vance, May 19th, 1864.
(Signed) PHILO ARDEN,
Sheriff.

Vouch. .] DISTRICT OF BOSSIER PARISH, LA.,
May 19th, 1864.

No. 101. Rece'd from J. W. Vance, executor est. G. E. Gilmer, eight hundred & fifty-nine dollars, the full amount of C. S. tax to the 31st December, 1863, as per assessment list filed in my office.
(Signed) J. G. BROWN,
Dist. Collector.

Vouch. .]
Rece'd, Shreveport, May 17th, 1864, of Jas. W. Vance, executor of the succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, fifteen hundred dollars on account of my fee for services rendered in the settlement of said succession.
(Signed) HODGE & DUNCAN.

Vouch. 1.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA.

Geo. E. Gilman to J. W. Vance, Dr.

1861.
May 4. To cash paid M. Dickson, saw-mill %..... 48 90
" 8. " " " K. P. D. Taylor, store, 1859 & '60.. 54 99
July 25. " " " McCarty, baling & rope 636 00
Sept. 1. " " " J. S. Kendall, pot painting 25 00
Oct. 6. " " " Howell & Buckner, 10 sacks salt..... 40 00
" 17. " " " P. Alden, taxes, 1860 ..... 347 33

545 Voucher 1 continued.

1861.					
Dec.	15.	Cash paid	G. W. Sentell, pork hogs	664	40
"	23.	" "	A. M. Hull & Co., 5 s'cks salt	25	00
1862.					
March	7.	" "	R. C. Cavette & Co., saw-mill, 1860 & 1861	84	11
"	17.	" "	Sisters of Sacred Heart	130	00
Ap'r	5.	" "	210 lbs sugar, @ 6c	12	60
"	"	" "	230 " 4½	10	35
"	"	" "	1 box negro tobacco	10	00
"	28.	" "	Willis Doles, for pens	18	50
May	17.	" "	st'b't Corwin, on molasses	32	60
"	9.	" "	James Marks, stock hogs	90	00
June	3.	" "	P. Alden, parish taxes 1861	505	16
"	7.	" "	J. S. Kendall, balance painting	240	00
"	"	" "	Sisters of Sacred Heart, services by	173	00
"	"	" "	Ball & Dashiel, drug %, 1861	278	75
"	10.	" "	W. B. Wheeler, part wages	200	00
"	13.	" "	Walters & Eden, merch'd'ze %	180	15
"	15.	" "	G. B. Sleigh, lumber %	198	55
Aug.	12.	" "	1 doz. cast-steel hoes	13	40
"	"	" "	3 p'rs cotton cards	15	00
Oct.	11.	" "	Joe Vance, Salt Lake Exp's	12	00
Dec.	5.	" "	Patterson, 20 hogs	513	25
"	25.	" "	120 lbs sugar	15	00
"	"	" "	R. W. Vance, hogs sold Hill place	106	35
1863.					
Jan.	1st.	" "	Joe Vance, part wages, 1862	50	00
"	7.	" "	cotton cards	25	00
"	15.	" "	Patterson, beeves	139	20
Feb.	25.	" "	T. H. Morris, drugs, 1861 & '62	480	00
"	"	" "	H. P. Douglas, for beef, 1861	941	63
"	28.	" "	Ball & Deshield	12	50
M'ch	12.	" "	G. B. Sligh, lumber	15	55
"	17.	" "	J. M. Saggers, part express, Little Rock	20	00
	"	19. "	" Aaron Druffries' %	31	65

546 Voucher 1 continued.

1863.					
M'ch	19.	To cash paid	Robertson & Kimbal, note	316	50
"	31.	" "	" N. A. Cooper for bbl. molasses	32	45
"	23.	" "	" acc't to date	738	66
"	"	" difference in interest in my favor		738	72
				$8,222	35

CREDITS.

1862.				
Apr.	22.	By cash received	from Childers & Beard	16	00
Jan.	1.	" corn sold off plantation		648	28

"	13.	" " " " "	.....	187 05
Aug.	15.	" " " " "	.....	30 00
Dec.	5.	" " 2 loads corn sold in Shreveport.....		75 00
1863.				
Feb.	6.	" " sold off Hill plantation		93 25
"	"	" balance due me January 1st, 1864.....		7,172 77
				$8,222 35

1864, Jan. 1st. To cash balance due this date to J. W. Vance $7,172 77

A part of the vouchers rendered in the above % cannot be found among the papers in this succession.

ORDER.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

SUCCESSION OF GEO. E. GILMER.

Let publication of the filing of this account be made, by posting notices hereof in three different public places in the parish, there being no public newspaper published in said parish, and let the usual orders be made. This done officially on this 20th day of May, 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk Dist. Court.

Judgment of homologation.

Clerk's office, 10th district court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

547 In this cause, by reason of the law and the account having been advertised for more than thirty clear days without opposition, it is ordered and decreed that this account be homologated and approved, and the same is hereby made the judgment of the court. This done officially on this the first Saturday, the 2d day of June, 1869.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 20, '64. (Sig'd) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

PETITION & AMENDED ACCOUNT.

To the hon. the judge of the 10th judicial dist. court, holding session in and for the parish of Bossier:

The petition of James W. Vance, a resident of said parish, respectfully represents that he herewith files an amended and supplemental account of his administration as executor of the late George E. Gilmer, deceased; that he files this account for the purpose of correcting certain errors in the original account, all of which will more fully appear by reference to said account. He further represents that as executor he has paid out on account of the succession of deceased twenty-three hundred and forty & $\frac{62}{100}$ dollars ($2,340.62) in excess of the amount of cash received by him. He further

shows that all the effects of said succession, except the money credited to the same, have been partitioned and divided among the heirs and legatees, as will more fully appear from the account filed and the accompanying vouchers. Wherefore petitioner prays that in consideration of the
548 premises, a copy of this petition be served on R. Y. Graves, tutor, S. W. Vance, tutor, and Martha G. O'Neil, wife of P. V. O'Neil, all residents of the parish of Bossier, and that after all due proceeding had and due notice given, the accompanying amended & supplemental account be homologated & made the judgment of this court, and that the petitioner be discharged from his office of executor, and he prays for judgment in his favor and against the said R. Y. Graves, tutor, S. W. Vance, tutor, and Martha G. O'Neil, wife of P. V. O'Neil, for the sum of twenty-three hundred & forty and $\frac{62}{100}$ dollars ($2,340.62), balance due him as per account herewith filed. He further prays for general relief, and for all such orders and decrees as may in the premises be necessary.

(Signed) JAS. W. DUNCAN,
Att'y for Petitioner.

(Endorsed:) Filed Decem. 5th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k dist. court.

SUPPLEMEMTAL ACCOUNT.

James W. Vance, executor, in account with the succession of G. E. Gilmer, deceased (amended & supplemental account), Dr.

To amount received in Confederate States bonds, as per original account	36,000 00
To amount received from C. States for hire of hands on public works at Shreveport	556 33
	$36,556 33
549 Amount brought forward	$36,556 33

This last item in the original % is er'oneously placed to the credit of the executor.

The balance of the effects of the succession has been divided among the heirs & legatees in accordance with the will of the deceased and the judgment of this hon. court decreeing a partition as per original account & vouchers on file. The sum of thirty-six thousand dollars, in Confederate States bonds has been paid over to the heirs, as will appear by these receipts herewith filed, leaving in the hands of the executor:

Cash	12,829 78
Debts & charges	15,170 60
Balance in favor of executor	2,340 62

CREDITS.

By debts & charges against the estate as per original account..	14,170 64
By amount of error in original %, Hodge & Duncan's fee	1,000 00
Whole am't of debts & charges	$15,170 64

Receipt of P. V. O'Neil.

Rece'd January 17th, 1864, of Dr. J. W. Vance, executor of the estate of George E. Gilmer, the one-third interest of my wife, Martha G. Gilmer (now O'Neil), in the estate, consisting of a lot of corn, fodder, meat, hogs, lard, cows, hogs, sheep, farming utensils, household and kitchen furni-
550 ture, also a lot of *of* cotton, unginned and in bales, which said property was not included in the notarial division & report; also my wife's one-third interest in the Confederate cotton bonds belonging to said estate of G. E. Gilmer, dec'd, the amount of which said interest is $12,000.00.

(Signed) P. V. O'NEIL.

Receipt of R. Y. Graves.

Received May 17th, 1864, of Dr. J. W. Vance, executor of the estate of Geo. E. Gilmer, the one-third interest of my wife, E. L. Gilmer (now Graves), in the said estate, consisting of a lot of corn, fodder, meat, hogs, lard, cows, hogs, sheep, farming utensils, household furniture, also a lot of cotton, unginned and in bales, which said property was not included in the notarial division and report; also my wife' one-third interest in the Confederate bonds belonging to said estate of G. E. Gilmer, dec'd, the amount of which said interest is $12,000.00.

(Signed) R. Y. GRAVES.

Receipt of S. W. Vance.

(See "T," page 449.)

Receipt of P. R. Gilmer.

BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Jan. 13th*, 1863.

Received of James W. Vance, executor of the estate of George E. Gilmer, the following negro slaves willed to me by the said George E. Gilmer, which said slaves I promise to return to him in case said
551 will of said George E. Gilmer should be set aside by law, to wit, Lewis and his wife, Hannah, and their children, Fanny, Martha, Milly, Robert, Caroline, and Milton; also Meriweather and his wife, Ann, & their children, Laura, Suzanna, Willis.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER.

Order of publication, &c.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

SUCCESSION OF GEO. E. GILMER, DEC'D.

Let publication of the filing of this amended account be made by public notices hereof in three different places in the parish, there being no public newspaper published in said parish, and let the parties as prayed for in this petition have personal citation.

This done officially on this 5th day of December, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

Notice.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

Notice is hereby given that J. W. Vance, executor of the last will of Geor. E. Gilmer, deceased, has this day filed in the office of said clerk his supplemental account as executor as aforesaid. Now, therefore, this is to admonish all persons concerned that if opposition is not made thereto within the time prescribed by law, the said account will be homologated & made the judgment of the court. Given under my hand
552 and seal of office at Bellevue, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOMAS N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

Sheriff's return.

Rec'ed Dec. 5th, 1864, and served on the day of December, 1864, by posting up three copies of this notice at three public places in the parish of Bossier, to wit: one at the court-house door in Bellevue, one at Rocky Mount, and one at Filmore.

Bellevue, La., Dec. 13th, 1864.

Sheriff's fee, $4.00.

(Signed) P. H. ALDEN, *Sheriff.*

(Endorsed:) Filed Jan. 2d, 1865. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk d. c.

Citation of S. W. Vance.

In the district court for the 10th jud'l distr., parish of Bossier.

SUCCESSION OF GEORGE E. GILMER.

State of Louisiana to S. W. Vance, of the parish of Bossier:

You are hereby cited to appear in the office of the clerk of the said court in town of Bellevue, in parish aforesaid, and comply with the demand contained in the petition, of which a copy is hereto annexed, or file your answer thereto in writing in office of said clerk in ten days after the service hereof, with one additional day for every ten miles between your residence and the office of said clerk.

Witness the Hon. Roland Jones, judge of said court, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

Sheriff's return.

553 I hereby certify having received this 5th day of December, 1864, and served on the 6th day of Dec'r, 1864, by handing certified copy

of this citation, together with the certified copy of plaintiff's petition, to S. W. Vance in person, in Bellevue, this 6th day of Dec., 1864.

(Signed) P. ALDEN, *Sheriff.*

Sh'ff's fee, $1.10.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 2d, 1865. (Signed) Thos. A. Braden, c'k dist. c.

Citation to R. Y. Graves.

10th district court, parish of Bossier.

SUCCESSION OF GEO. E. GILMER.

State of Louisiana to R. Y. Graves, of the parish of Bossier:

You are hereby cited to appear in the office of the clerk of the court, in the town of Bellevue, in parish aforesaid, and comply with the demand contained in the petition, a copy of which is hereto annexed, or file your answer thereto, in writing, in the office of said clerk, in ten days after the service hereof, with one additional day for every ten miles between your residence and the office of said clerk.

Witness the Hon. Roland Jones, judge of said court, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

Sheriff's return.

I hereby certify having received this citation on the 5th day of December, 1864, and served on the 26th day of Dec., 1864, by handing certified copy of this citation, together with certified copy of plaintiff's petition to R. Y. Graves in person, in the parish of Bossier, 23 miles from Bellevue, La., this 26th day of December, A. D. 1864.

554 (Signed) PH. ALDEN, *Sheriff.*

Sh'ff's fees, 2.80.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 2d, 1865. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Citation to M. G. O'Neil, wife of P. V. O'Neil.

10th judicial district court, parish of Bossier.

SUCCESSION OF GEORGE E. GILMER.

State of Louisiana to M. G. O'Neil, wife of P. V. O'Neil, of the parish of Bossier:

You are hereby cited to appear in the office of the clerk of said court, in town of Bellevue, in parish aforesaid, and comply with the demand contained in the petition, of which a copy is hereto annexed, or file your answer thereto, in writing, in the the office of said clerk, in ten days after the

service hereof, with one additional day for every ten miles between your residence and the office of said clerk.

Witness the Hon. Roland Jones, judge of said court, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

Sheriff's return.

I hereby certify having received this citation this 5th day of Dec., 1864, and served on the 27th day of Dec. 1864, by handing certified copy of this citation, together with certified copy of plaintiff's petition, to P. V. O'Neil in person, in the parish of Bossier, eighteen miles from Bellevue, Decem. 27th, 1864.

(Signed) PHIL. ALDEN, *Sheriff.*

Sh'ff fees, 2.80.

(Endorsed:) Filed January 2d, 1865. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk dist. court.

555 *Judgment of homologation.*

In district court of Bossier Parish, La.

SUCCESSION OF GEO. E. GILMER, DEC'D.

In this cause, by reason of the law and evidence, it is ordered that the supplemental and final account in this cause be homologated, and further ordered that J. W. Vance, executor, be discharged from executorship of the last will and testament of George E. Gilmer, dec'd. Done and signed in open court on this 21st day of March, 1865.

(Signed) ROLAND JONES,
Judge 10th Dist.

(Endorsed:) Filed March 21st, 1865. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

The papers in the above succession offered and received in evidence, with leave to substitute certified copies, are correct copies from the originals now on file in this office.

S. W. Vance's bond for Alabama property, filed and marked 8.

(All papers in tutorship of minors J. B. Vance & S. E. Vance not mentioned herein are also offered in evidence, with leave to substitute certified copies.)

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

Know all men by these presents that we, S. W. Vance, as principal, and J. W. Vance, as security, are held and firmly bound unto Thomas N. Braden, clerk of the district court in for the parish and State aforesaid, or to his successor in office, for the use and benefit of the minors J. B.
556 G. & Sarah E. Vance, minor heirs of Mary B. Vance, deceased, in the sum of eighty thousand dollars.

This bond is given for the property received from the estate of P. R. Gilmer, deceased, late of Alabama, for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, and legal representatives firmly by these presents. Dated at Bellevue this 28th day of March, 1868.

Whereas the above bounded S. W. Vance has been appointed natural tutor to the minors James B. G. & Sarah E. Vance:

Therefore the condition of the above obligation is such that if the said S. W. Vance shall well & faithfully discharge and perform all the duties of natural tutor as aforesaid, according to law, then this obligation to be null & void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.
(Signed) J. W. VANCE.

Attest:
Approved Mc'h 28th, 1862.
(Sig'd) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed March 28th, 1862. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k dist. court.

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence, marked 8, Oct. 25, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Petition and 1st annual % in tutorship of James B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, minors of S. W. Vance.

District court, parish of Bossier.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR HEIRS OF MARY B. VANCE.

S. W. Vance, tutor to the said minors, respectfully represents to the court that he herewith files his account of administration in the matter of said tutorship from the opening of the same to the 11th day of
557 June, 1864, at which time the minor James B. G. Vance departed this life, aged about seven years. Since the taking of the inventory of the property of the succession of Mary B. Vance, viz, 24th February, 1860, the following named slaves belonging to said succession have died, viz: George Jenkins, aged about 41 years; Sallie, about 41; Sam, about 47; Jessie, about 41; Henrietta, 28; Anna, 41; Laura, about 10; and the following slaves inherited from the succession of J. B. Gilmer, and belonging to the Barrett plantation in Arkansas, have also died since they came into the possession of said tutor, viz: Lydia, aged about 24 years; & Sarah, aged about 24 years; the latter of whom was in part purchased for said minors; and the following slaves inherited from the succession of Peachy R. Gilmer, Ala., have also died since the opening of said tutorship, viz: Sam, aged about 40; Daniel, about 55; and a child known and described as Celia's child, inherited from the estate of Geo. E. Gilmer, has also lately died. The following mules belonging to said minors have also died during the period embraced in this account: John, Belt, Middy, Tom, Hannah, Jones, Bill, Norman, Sam, Elijah, Fox, Sueky, Pat, Bet, Crocket, Fox, Jinny, & one other, and one bay horse and one bay mare from the estate of P. R. Gilmer have died. The balance of the corn and fodder in-

herited by the said minors in the succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, after selling 2,000 bushels to Wm. Haynes and accounted for in the
558 annexed account, was exchanged with R. Y. Graves for an equal amount at Plaindealing for the use of that place. A portion of the cotton crop of 1861, and that of 1862, and that of 1863, are still on hand unsold in seed, as will be seen by reference to the inventory of July, 1864. The balance of the property came into the hands of petitioner for said minors,* such as corn fodder, &c., is still on hand, as will be seen by reference to the inventory of said minors taken on or about the 9th day of July, 1864, and on file in your said court. Petitioner prays that after legal notices and delays the said account be approved, homologated, and made the judgment of the court. He prays that P. R. Gilmer, under tutor, to said minors, be duly notified of the filing of this account, and he prays for all further rules, notices, and orders and decrees needful in the premises and for general relief.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
P'r A. B. LEVISSEE, *Att'y.*

I have examined this account and the accompanying vouchers and find them all correct, and fully approve the same, and waive notice of the filing of the same July 16th, 1864.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

1ST ANNUAL ACCOUNT IN TUTORSHIP OF THE MINORS, J. B. G. & SARAH E. VANCE.

559 *James B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, minor heirs of Mary B. Vance, in account with S. W. Vance, tutor, from the 15th Oct.* 1859, *to June 11th*, 1864.

Vouchers & names of creditors:

1.	Hodge & Austin	400 00
2.	Wood Miltenberger & Co	145 06
3.	Steamer Lecompte	22 13
4.	Robert Oxford	80 00
5.	Stacey & Wells	17 25
6.	March G. Gilmer	1,117 67
7.	W. H. Hill, estray master	12 50
8.	Phil Alden, taxes	191 26
9.	Nathan Hoss, taxes	12 60
10.	R. Y. Graves	242 00
11.	Geo. Williams, attorney	511 19
12.	Phil Alden	67 00
13.	J. R. Rensdall	100 00
14.	Markam Sims	54 00
15.	S. W. Vance, tutor	1,560 00
16.	Invoice, February 2d, 1860, A	235 46
17.	R. W. Vance	75 00

*Not mentioned above and not including such as has been consumed in carrying on the business of said minors.

18.	Invoice, January 16th, 1860, A	362 84
19.	S. W. Vance, tutor	370 61
20.	Invoice, April 9th, 1860	1, 533 23
21.	" March 26th, A	377 23
22.	N. A. Cooper	75 00
23.	Cassius Leigh	150 00
24.	Freight bill A	23 52
25.	Paid John Pierce, A	100 00
26.	Strauss & Bros	45 00
27.	Childers & Beard	751 01
28.	Invoice, Decem. 22d, 1859	152 99
29.	Walters & Elder, B	79 53
	Freight per Lecompte O (see vouch. 20)	20 00
560	Vouch.	
	30. G. W. Cain	18 66
31.	Markam & Borman	7 50
32.	Mrs. M. G. Gilmer (balance)	99 38
33.	N. Hoss, taxes	21 85
34.	Ball & Dashield	7 50
35.	C. F. Philsom	78 00
36.	A. S. Wells	6 00
37.	Austin Miller	12 03
38.	R. W. Vance	241 00
39.	Childers & Beard	163 38
40.	George Williamson, attorney	133 68
41.	Thos. H. Pits	10 00
42.	Ball & Dashield	158 09
43.	G. B. Sligh	12 80
44.	Austin Miller	32 49
45.	W. F. Murry	7 50
46.	K. P. D. Taylor	41 68
47.	Ph. Alden, taxes	635 41
48.	G. W. Sentell	242 44
49.	N. A. Cooper	289 87
50.	F. M. Waldrip	50 33
51.	Simpson & Calhoun	36 39
52.	Michael Dickson	101 78
53.	R. R. Crowell	50 00
54.	Barton Pope	711 66
55.	A. A. Abney	10 20
56.	A. F. Clark	15 00
57.	Williams & Gray	75 00
58.	C. F. Philson	52 00
59.	A. A. Abney	29 20
60.	Markham & Borman	5 80
61.	Howel & Buckner	85 00
	62. John Kennedy	17 50
561	63. B. M. Anderson	262 00
	64. William Thatcher	82 50
65.	H. V. Sentell	316 16
66.	Overby & Ratliff	17 82

67.	N. A. Cooper	413 89
68.	Gilmer Co	54 31
69.	Aaron Dreyfus	21 60
70.	J. M. Montgomery	22 45
71.	B. M. Sanderson	151 08
72.	Howel & Buckner	102 75
73.	Ball & Dashiel	87 90
74.	Andrew J. Hayne	91 67
75.	B. M. Sanderson	382 33
76.	G. B. Sligh	201 84
77.	Miss Martha G. Gilmer	178 77
78.	Wm. P. Thatcher	19 90
79.	Invoice Feb. 18th, 1861	72 34
80.	" June 15th, 1861	274 81
81.	Andrew J. Haynes	122 29
82.	Keeghan & McKahn, B	79 40
	C. McCarty, B	69 75
	H. Kendall, Carter & Co., on % of Barrett plantation, B	4,704 22
	J. R. McClintock, for half the price of Sarah & Tom, B.	1,300 00
88.	S. W. Vance, note	3,309 69
89.	Ph. Alden	261 46
90.	Invoice Barrett place, C	137 41
91.	William Haynes	1,536 30
92.	Ph. Alden	947 59
93.	Miss M. G. Gilmer	303 55
94.	Invoice January 15th, 1861	320 31
	95. A. L. Chapman	186 50
562	96. Lamin & Spar	35 25
	97. Sentell & Prather	3,200 00
98.	Simpson & Calhoun, note	54 00
99.	One-third repairs Plaindealing	817 39
100.	Invoice Jan. 29th, 1861	313 03
101.	Ball & Dashiell	832 17
102.	A. M. Hull & Co	134 20
103.	S. W. S. Culp	293 11
104.	G. M. Nicholls Co	56 25
105.	McCline & Smith	31 18
106.	T. H. Morris	5 63
107.	Robt. Oxford	60 00
108.	Wm. Haynes	150 00
109.	C. McCarty	109 00
110.	J. W. Pickens, taxes	25 50
111.	L. Baer	40 50
112.	A. B. Johnson	368 12
113.	W. E. Hamilton	51 00
114.	Stacey & Wills	51 00
115.	Steamer Carrier	50 00
116.	G. B. Sleigh	21 27
117.	Wm. Haynes	84 50
118.	G. M. Nicholls Co	103 53

119.	Invoice Feb. 9th, '61	484 26
120.	A. H. Montgomery	700 00
121.	McCline & Smith	12 00
122.	Wm. Hilcox	26 67
123.	Hodge & Austin	250 00
124.	Geo. M. Nicholls	21 65
125.	J. W. Vance to Butler & Co	330 72
126.	W. M. Sentell Co	28 00
127.	Dr. C. P. Beckham	74 00
128.	Walters & Elder	532 80

563 Vh.

129.	Invoice Feb. 18th, 1861	1,286 77
130.	Steamer Louis D'Or	26 73
131.	Invoice Jan. 15th, 1861	2 64
132.	Ball & Dashiell	157 10
133.	Estate of N. A. Cooper	1,288 50
134.	Miss M. G. Gilmer	729 00
135.	Invoice March 23d, 1861, C	1,988 41
136.	S. W. Vance, tutor	1,159 33
137.	J. McKinney	82 00
138.	Ph. Alden	604 59
139.	A. L. Chapman	64 50
140.	Ball & Dashiell	167 50
141.	M. P. Long	20 00
142.	S. W. Vance, tutor	335 00
143.	J. W. Vance	164 00
144.	A. L. Chapman	750 00
145.	T. N. Braden, c'k	43 10
146.	J. G. Brown	803 90
147.	P. V. O'Neil	230 07
148.	Carit & Cooper	85 00
149.	Wm. Rose	160 00
150.	G. M. Nicholls Co	36 63
151.	Ph. Alden, taxes	303 46
152.	E. & B. Jacobs	431 83
153.	Paid to negroes	234 00
154.	Invoice C	6 80
155.	Invoice C	97 16
156.	J. W. Vance	194 60
157.	S. W. S. Culp	7 50
158.	Farley, Jurey & Co	173 25
	P. Alden, A	67 88
	P. Alden, C	88 90
	Invoice, C	267 85
564	" Freight, C	17 85
	" Freight bill, C	110 01
"	" " Louis D'Or, C	84 25
"	" " " " C	352 30
"	Merchandise, p'r invoice C	460 36
"	Steamer Eleanor, C	188 00

" " Countess, C.....	74 36
Commission, 10 % on $67,783.24.....	6,778 32
Amount total.....	$28,352 29

CREDITS.

By ½ balance proceeds of the cotton crop of 1859.....	$1,378 96
" nett proceeds 399 bales cotton, crop of 1860	$18,256 58
" " 412 " " sold Dr. Ball, 1861.....	$14,560 71
Cash from sale of the minors' ⅓ int. of Barrett plant.....	7,555 00
" " R. Y. Graves, as per partition in suit of M. G. Gilmer vs. S. W. Vance, tutor, No. 1224.....	807 08
" proceeds of 2,000 bush's corn from succession of G. E. Gilmer, sold to Wm. Haynes, at $3.00 p'r bushel.....	6,000 00
" proceeds of boy Dave, aged 38 years, from the estate of P. R. Gilmer, sold to E. & B. Jacobs.....	1,800 00
" one-half proceeds of sale of stallion Hedgeford.....	200 00
" ⅓ proceeds of boy Owen, from the Barrett's estate, sold to Thos. Brooks.....	700 00
" amount received from Miss M. G. Gilmer in partition of Coushatta lands.....	3,531 58
Total amount of credits.....	$54,789 71
Balance to credit of tutor, June 11th, 1864.....	$3,562 38

(Endorsed:) Filed July 19th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence, marked Q. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

565 VOUCHERS.

1. Dec. 26th, 1859. Rec'ed of S. W. Vance, tutor, for his minor children, the heirs of James B. Gilmer, dec'd, the sum of four hundred dollars, the same being in full of their one-third of twelve hundred dollars, the balance due us for professional services rendered the succession of said James B. Gilmer, dec'd.

(Signed) HODGE & AUSTIN.

Draft on H. K. Carter, 408, Jan'y 2'd, 1862.

2. NEW ORLEANS, *April 10th*, 1860.

Messrs. Farley, Jerry & Co., for Dr. S. W. Vance, bought of Wood, Miltenberger & Co.:

184 feet iron railing & grate, @ 2.00.....	368 00
25 iron post for same, @ 5.50	137 50
Boxing & drayage.....	20 00
Freight from New Orleans.....	54 75
	$580 25
	$145 06

One-fourth to minors paid, and charged to Dr. Vance, Apr. 10th, '60.

3. BUCK HALL, *May 15th*, 1859.

Dr. S. W. Vance to steamer Lecompte, Dr.

Freight on 2 sacks Bois d'Arc seed	75
" " 3 kegs nails	1 13
" purchased	20 13
	$22 13

Paid.
(Signed) J. WHEELER.

4th. OCT. 3D, 1859.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of eighty dollars, being in full payment for making eighty thousand bricks, in the months of July & August, 1859.

his
ROB'T + OXFORD.
mark.

Attest:
CEZAIRE WALLACE.

5. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Oct. 3d*, 1859.

Dr. Vance bought of Stacy & Wells:

566 1879.
75 lbs. Java coffee, @ 23c 17 25

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) STACEY & WELLS.

6. BUCK HALL, LA., *April 5th*, 1859.

$1,117.67.] Received from S. W. Vance the sum of eleven hundred and seventeen dollars & sixty-seven cents, being excess due my portion from my sister, Mary V. Vance, in the division of the Buck Hall, Kingston, & Egypt plantations, belonging to estate of G. B. Gilmer, deceased, as will appear per report of commissioner filed on 22d day of Feb., 1859, and I hereby acknowledge receipt of same, by draft on H. Kendall, Carter & Co., New Orleans, La., dated this day.
(Signed) MARTHA G. GILMER.

7. *Dr. S. W. Vance, to W. H. Hill, stray master.*

To posting mare mule, estrayed by Isaac Brown, Sept. 10th, 1859	1 50
Qualifying appraisers	50
Making record of same	2 00
Printer's fee, advertising	6 00
Isaac Brown, keeping 10 days, @ 25c	2 50
	12 50

Rece'd payment in full of above Dec. 8th, 1859.
(Signed) W. H. HILL,
Stray Master.

8. $191.26.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *May 30th*, 1860.

Received from S. W. Vance one hundred & ninety-one & $\frac{26}{100}$ dollars, in full for State, parish, school, and internal improvement tax, due for the year A. D. 1859.

(Signed) PH. ALDEN.
Sheriff & Tax Collector.

9. $12.60.] PARISH OF CADDO, *May 30th*, 1860.

Received of S. W. Vance twelve $\frac{60}{100}$ dollars, in full for his State, parish, & court-house tax for the year 1859.

(Signed) NATHAN HOSS,
Sheriff & Collector.

567 10. Received of Dr. S. W. Vance two hundred & forty-two dollars, being excess due the portion of Mrs. R. Y. Graves from Mrs. S. W. Vance, in the division of the slaves belonging to the estate of J. B. Gilmer, dece'd, as will appear per report of commissioners filed February 22d, 1859.

(Signed) R. Y. GRAVES.

11. 511.19.]

Received, Shreveport, La., Novem. 14th, 1859, from Dr. S. W. Vance five hundred & eleven and $\frac{19}{100}$ dollars, in full of his distribution share of the judgment of Mrs. P. Pickett vs. J. W. Vance, ex'r, No. 5429, dist. court of Caddo.

(Signed) GEO. WILLIAMSON,
Att'y for Pl'ff.

12. BELLEVUE, LA., *Feb. 6th*, 1860.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of sixty-seven dollars, being in full payment for repairing running-gear of gin-house in the month of June, 1859.

(Signed) PH. ALDEN.

13. Received, Shreveport, Novem. 2d, 1859, of Dr. S. W. Vance one hundred dollars for a metallic coffin for wife.

(Signed) JAMES S. RANDALL.

14. Oct. 16th, 1859.

Mr. Vance to Markham & Sims, Dr.

To hire of hands..... $54 00

Received payment.

(Signed) MARKHAM & SIMS.

15. *The minors J. B. G. & S. E. Vance to S. W. Vance, tutor, Dr.*

1860.

Jan. 10. To am't paid Mokin, Hicks & Cashwell for eight mules purchased of them for the Buck Hall plantation..... $1,360 00

568 16. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Farley, Jurey & Co., Dr.*

12 sacks coarse salt, @ 85c	$10 20
13 kegs nails, 8, 6; 3, 8; 2, 10; 1 keg spikes, @ 3.75	52 50
64 prs. best oak russets, 16.50	88 00
½ bbl., 4s. rice, (148—12), 136, @ 5c	7 30
1 " lard oil, 43 gals., @ 97c	41 71
1 box tobacco, 124, @ 20c	24 80
Insurance, 247, @ 1¾ %	4 32
Commission, 2½ %	5 63
	$235 46

17. Received from S. W. Vance the sum of seventy-five dollars, being in full payment for building a press in the fall of 1859, this 31st day of December, 1859. For building press by N. A. Cooper.

(Signed) R. W. VANCE.

18. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Farley, Jurey & Co., Dr.*

10 bbls. mess pork, @ 17⅜	173 75
C. H. Slocomb, Co., bill enclosed	172 00
Packing & drayage	1 75
Insurance, 381, @ 1¾	6 66
Commission, 2½ %	8 68
	$362 84

P'r st'r Lecompte, Buck Hall.

NEW ORLEANS, *January 16th*, '60.

19. *The minors J. B. G. & S. E. Vance to S. W. Vance, tutor, Dr.*

1860.

Feb. 28. To specie shipped by Farley & Co. from New Orleans this date, and distributed by me to the hands on the Buck Hall plantation, according to cumtan	350 00
Freight on same	17 55
Insurance	3 06
	370 61

569 20. *Dr. S. W. Vance, to Farley, Juvey & Co.*

22 rolls India bagging, 2,800 yds @ 13c	364 00
40 coils rope, 5,162 lbs. @ 9c	464 58
1 b'dle twine, 55, @ 16c	8 80
1 single Western corn sheller	18 00
30 bbls. mess pork, 17⅜	536 25
4 " molasses, 173 gall's, 42c	72 66
Drayage	4 00

Insurance on 1,614, @ 1¾ %	28 24
Commission " @ 2½ %	36 70
	$1,533 23

Per st'r Lecompte. Buck Hall.

NEW ORLEANS, *April 9th*, 1860.

21. *Dr. S. W. Vance, to Farley, Juvey & Co.*

20 bbls. mess pork, @ 18.00	360 00
Drayage	1 75
Insurance, 3978, @ 1¾	6 95
Commission, 2½ %	9 03
	377 25

P'r steamer Lecompte. Sentell store.

NEW ORLEANS, *March 20th*, 1860.

22 BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Nov. 24th*, 1859.

Mr. S. W. VANCE:

DEAR SIR: At sight you will please pay to the order of R. W. Vance seventy-five dollars, and oblige your friend.

(Signed) N. A. COOPER.

23. 1860. *Dr. S. W. Vance, as guardian of the minor heirs of Mary B. Vance, deceased, to wit, tutor or guardian of James B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, to Cassius Sleigh, Dr.*

Feb. 28. To filing petition in probate court in Lafayette County, Arkanas, for the purpose of authorizing said tutor or guardian to remove the interest of said heirs in the estate of James B. Gilmer, dec'd, 570 to wit, in the property belonging to the partnership of Gilmer & McClintock, to the parish of Bossier, in Louisiana, and arguing said cause and obtaining necessary orders and decrees of said court, for the amount of said property.

Rec'ed payment in full, Feb. 28th, 1860, $150.00.

(Signed) CASSIUS SLEIGH.

24. One day after date I promise to pay Allen Vance, or order, two thousand six hundred and seventy-seven dollars, for value received. August 25th.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

25. SHREVEPORT, *Jan. 1st*, 1860.

Buck Hall in % with Childers & Beard, 1859.

May 3.	2 b. locks, 4*s*	1 00
Sept. 4.	42 yards brown domestic, 9c	3 78
Oct. 4.	½ doz. collars, @ 12½	75

"	"	20 yds. Lowells	4 50
"	"	" tweed	50
"	"	1 pr. shoes	90
"	"	1 gross horn buttons	25
"	"	3 brooms	1 13
"	13.	37 prs. brogans, 12*s*	55 50
"	"	3 " " boys', 1.40	4 20
"	"	1 " compasses	50
"	"	1 " match planes	1 50
"	"	1 keg nails	5 50
"	"	20 lbs nails	1 40
"	14.	1 doz. goblets	7 50
"	"	1 " tumblers	3 75
"	"	1 " champaign	3 50
"	"	1 set table mats	3 00
"	22.	2 yds. opera flannel	1 50
	"	" amount bill rendered	68 00

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	Nov.	2. 2 doz. buttons	50
"	"	1 silver thimble	50
Dec.	"	6 yds. nansook	4 50
"	"	1 ball of thread	1 25
"	"	½ " wool yarn	88
"	"	1 box sto'king needles	25
"	"	16 yds. white flannel	7 20
"	13.	6 bundles fancy yarn	1 50
"	"	1 pr. child's shoes	1 00
"	"	8 yds. prints	1 00
"	"	1 set knitting needles	15
"	"	33 yds. Baton Rouge Lowells	4 19
			$191 48

Rece'd payment by draft on Farley, Jurey & Co.
(Signed) CHILDERS & BEARD.
JUNE 16TH, '60.

26. SHREVEPORT, LA., *March 24th*, '60.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of forty-five dollars, full pay for one set of carriage harness.
(Signed) STRAUSS BROS.
P'r JOSEPH.

27. SHREVEPORT, *January 1st*, 1861.

S. W. Vance bought of Childers & Beard:

1860.			
Jan.	2d.	To 2 prs. women shoes, 12*s*	3 00
"	"	" 2 gingham han'k'f, 2*s*	50
"	16.	" 2 prs. child's shoes, 8*s*	2 00
"	"	" 1 pr. buck. gloves	1 25
"	26.	" 3 yds. merino, 12*s*	4 50

"	"	"	1 bunch lamb wool	25
"	"	"	1 sett knitting needles	10
Feb.	25.	"	496 yards osnaburg, 1*s*	62 00
"	"	"	2 shovel/s, 12*s*	3 00
M'ch	1.	"	2 prs. child's shoes, 10*s*	2 50
"	"	"	1 " pants	8 50
"	"	"	1 " shoes	5 00

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1860.

March	1.	To	1 bunch cotton	75
"	"	"	1 pr. gloves	1 25
"	"	"	" " child's "	30
"	20.	"	1 doz. floss	50
"	"	"	1 pr. child slippers	1 25
"	"	"	1 " boy slippers	1 50
Apr.	21.	"	4½ yds. Marseilles @ 40c	1 80
"	"	"	½ " linen, 5*s*	94
"	"	"	1½ " calico, 15c	22
"	"	"	3 " " 1*s*	38
"	"	"	3 spools thread, 5	15
May	1.	"	355¾ yds. Lowells, 1*s*	45 28
"	"	"	½ doz. blind butts, 8*s*	50
"	"	"	2 dippers, 4*s*	1 00
"	"	"	1 silk hat	5 00
"	7.	"	1 alpaca coat	7 50
"	"	"	1 hatchet	1 00
"	17.	"	1 pr. boy's shoes	1 25
"	22.	"	1 " calf gloves	1 50
"	"	"	40 lbs. candles	11 20
"	"	"	336 yds. Salem plaids, 31c	113 46
"	"	"	258 " kersey, 44	113 42
"	"	"	10% Salem goods	22 69
"	"	"	125 yds. musquito bar, 1*s*	15 62
"	29.	"	1 boy hat, each 8*s* & 12*s*	2 50
"	"	"	2 cravats, 10*s*	2 50
"	"	"	2 " 6*s*	1 50
June	19.	"	119 lbs. rope, 13c	15 47
"	"	"	5 yds. muslin, 30c	1 50
"	"	"	2½ " " 2*s*	63
"	"	"	2½ " " 3*s*	93
"	13.	"	1 pr. calf shoes	5 00

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1860.

June	13.	To	1 pr. suspenders	1 25
July	4.	"	1 mohair coat	9 50
"	"	"	½ doz. ½ hose	3 50
"	5.	"	2 prs. brogans, 12*s*	3 00
"	"	"	1 " women' "	1 25
"	12.	"	9 lbs. 5-lb. chain, 11c	99

"	"	20 yds. Lowells	4 50
"	"	" tweed	50
"	"	1 pr. shoes	90
"	"	1 gross horn buttons	25
"	"	3 brooms	1 13
"	13.	37 prs. brogans, 12*s*	55 50
"	"	3 " " boys', 1.40	4 20
"	"	1 " compasses	50
"	"	1 " match planes	1 50
"	"	1 keg nails	5 50
"	"	20 lbs nails	1 40
"	14.	1 doz. goblets	7 50
"	"	1 " tumblers	3 75
"	"	1 " champaign	3 50
"	"	1 set table mats	3 00
"	22.	2 yds. opera flannel	1 50
	"	" amount bill rendered	68 00

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	Nov.	2. 2 doz. buttons	50
"	"	1 silver thimble	50
Dec.	"	6 yds. nansook	4 50
"	"	1 ball of thread	1 25
"	"	½ " wool yarn	88
"	"	1 box sto'king needles	25
"	"	16 yds. white flannel	7 20
"	13.	6 bundles fancy yarn	1 50
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P'r JOSEPH.

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1860.

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"	"	" 1 pr. buck. gloves	1 25
"	26.	" 3 yds. merino, 12*s*	4 50

"	"	"	1 bunch lamb wool	25
"	"	"	1 sett knitting needles	10
Feb.	25.	"	496 yards osnaburg, 1*s*	62 00
"	"	"	2 shovel*l*s, 12*s*	3 00
M'ch	1.	"	2 prs. child's shoes, 10*s*	2 50
"	"	"	1 " pants	8 50
"	"	"	1 " shoes	5 00

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1860.

March	1.	To	1 bunch cotton	75
"	"	"	1 pr. gloves	1 25
"	"	"	" " child's "	30
"	20.	"	1 doz. floss	50
"	"	"	1 pr. child slippers	1 25
"	"	"	1 " boy slippers	1 50
Apr.	21.	"	4½ yds. Marseilles @ 40c	1 80
"	"	"	½ " linen, 5*s*	94
"	"	"	1½ " calico, 15c	22
"	"	"	3 " " 1*s*	38
"	"	"	3 spools thread, 5	15
May	1.	"	355¾ yds. Lowells, 1*s*	45 28
"	"	"	½ doz. blind butts, 8*s*	50
"	"	"	2 dippers, 4*s*	1 00
"	"	"	1 silk hat	5 00
"	7.	"	1 alpaca coat	7 50
"	"	"	1 hatchet	1 00
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"	22.	"	1 " calf gloves	1 50
"	"	"	40 lbs. candles	11 20
"	"	"	336 yds. Salem plaids, 31c	113 46
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"	"	"	2½ " " 2*s*	63
"	"	"	2½ " 3*s*	93
"	13.	"	1 pr. calf shoes	5 00

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1860.

June	13.	To	1 pr. suspenders	1 25
July	4.	"	1 mohair coat	9 50
"	"	"	½ doz. ½ hose	3 50
"	5.	"	2 prs. brogans, 12*s*	3 00
"	"	"	1 " women' "	1 25
"	12.	"	9 lbs. 5-lb. chain, 11c	99

"	19.	"	160 lbs. iron, 6c	9 60
"	"	"	30 lbs. " 5	1 50
"	"	"	33 lbs. " 7	2 31
"	"	"	42 band, 7	2 94
"	"	"	15 steel, 10	1 50
"	20.	"	279½ yds. Lowells, 1*s*	34 94
"	"	"	93 lbs. wool	19 53
"	30.	"	½ doz. linen shoestrings, 2c	13
Aug.	14.	"	1 pr. brogans	1 50
"	27.	"	1 oil-cloth coat	15 00
"	29.	"	204½ yds. Lowells, @ 1*s*	25 56
Sept.	18.	"	1½ " white merino, @ 10*s*	1 88
"	"	"	1½ " pink " @ 10*s*	1 87
"	"	"	1½ " blue " @ 12*s*	2 25
"	"	"	2 " lining " @ 3*s*	75
"	"	"	1½ " cambric, @ 1*s*	19
"	"	"	4 doz. floss, @ 4*s*	2 00
"	"	"	9 skeins silk, @ 5c	45
"	"	"	3 balls cord, 10c	30
"	"	"	1 yd. ribbon	25
"	19.	"	1 pr. wool cards	40
"	"	"	1 " servant's shoes	1 75
Oct.	9.	"	1 cloth coat	35 00
"	"	"	1 hat	5 00
"	"	"	1 pr. gaiters	5 00
"	"	"	½ doz. embroidery silk, 4*s*	25

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1860.

Oct.	9.	To	1½ doz. buttons, @ 2*s*	38
"	"	"	1½ yd. Scotch plaid, 60c	30
"	"	"	4 skeins silk, 5c	20
"	"	"	2 yds. merino, 12*s*	3 00
"	15.	"	3 bunches embroidery silk, 8*s*	3 00
"	"	"	1 pr. russets	1 40
"	"	"	1 pr. women' shoes	1 00
"	"	"	2 " child's " 10*s*	2 50
"	"	"	1 " cloth "	1 50
"	18.	"	amount bill rendered	90
"	22.	"	42 yds. delaine, 4*s*	2 25
"	"	"	6 " domestic, 1*s*	75
"	"	"	7 " beavertine, 4*s*	3 50
"	"	"	7 " kersey, 4*s*	3 50
"	"	"	14 " Osnaburg, 1*s*	1 75
"	"	"	3 skeins silk, 5	15
"	"	"	4 spools thread, 5	20
"	"	"	1 gross buttons	25
"	"	"	1 doz. "	15
"	"	"	2 skeins flax, 10c	20
"	25.	"	105 lbs. tobacco, 2*s*	26 25
"	"	"	2 prs. brogans, 12*s*	3 00

"	"	"	2	" women' shoes, 10*s*	2 50
Nov.	10.	"	1	pr. russets	1 40
"	"	"	3	prs. boys' brogans, 8*s*	3 00
"	"	"	45	gals. molasses, 48	21 60
"	16.	"	3	balls thread, 15	45
"	21.	"	1	velvet vest	12 50
"	"	"	1	pr. pants	5 00
"	29.	"	4½	yds. delaine, 8*s*	4 50
"	"	"	12	" diaper, 30c	3 60
Dec.	1.	"	8	" plaid linsey, 40c	3 20
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1860.

Dec. 1st. To 1 card hooks & eyes 10

$865 51

Rece'd payment January 26th, '61, by 15 day draft.
(Signed) CHILDERS & BEARD.
LEONARD.

Amount due by the children $751 01

28. *Invoice of sundries shipped by H. Kendall Carter, pr. steamer Douglass, for % of Dr. S. W. Vance, J. A. Haggerty & Co.*

5 rolls India bagging, 620, @ 12	74 40
6 coils rope, 785, @ 8½	16 72
6 hanks twine, 12 @ 15	1 80
Insurance, $1.60, @ 1½ %	2 40
Commission, 2½ % } Advancing 2½ % }	7 17
	152 99

Marked "Buck Hall."

NEW ORLEANS, *Decem. 22d*, 1859.

29. SHREVEPORT, *January 26th*, 1860.

S. W. Vance, esq'r, bought of Waters & Elder:

1 bbl. ex. flour	10 00
1 " potatoes	4 00
1 " choice sugar, 223 lbs., @ 11½	26 39
1 " sack coffee, 166, @ 14	23 24
1 bag No. 4 shot	2 40
1 " " "	2 40
6 p'rs 3-inch butts, 20c	1 20
12 feet 7-inch 3 ply belting, 45	5 40
1 buckskin	1 00
½ keg powder	3 50
	$79 53

March 24th. Rece'd draft on H. K. Carter Co., in full.
(Signed) WATERS & ELDER.

576 30. $56.25.] FEBRUARY 9TH, 1860.

Received from the heirs of J. B. Gilmer the sum of fifty-six dollars and twenty-five cents, in full payment of their half for my services rendered on the Barnett plantation in the years 1859 & 1860.

(Signed) G. W. CAIN.

31. SHREVEPORT, *July 31st*, 1860.

Ball & Dashiell bought of Markham and Boarman for Dr. S. W. Vance:

100 lbs. ice, @ 7c		7 50

Rec'ed pay.

(Signed) MARKHAM & BOARMAN.

32. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Miss M. G. Gilmer's blacksmith % for* 1861.

July	19.	To sharpening 21 plows, @ 30c	6 30
"	"	" making 9 p'rs staples	1 00
"	"	" putting beam in plow	50
"	"	" making 5 plow handles	75
"	"	" " 5 " rounds	50
"	21.	" shoeing horse before	75
"	24.	" repairing buggy	2 50
"	25.	" mending wings	38
Aug.	1.	" shoeing horse all round	1 25
"	9.	" making 2 hooks	50
"	11.	" mending hinge	25
"	13.	" " stretchers	1 00
"	"	" " fifth chain	1 00
"	"	" " coffee pot	25
"	14.	" making punch	15
"	15.	" ironing 2-horse wagon	45 00
"	24.	" making scribe awl	50
"	25.	" cutting hoof on Pigeon	25
Sept.	3.	" ironing 2-horse wagon	15 00
"	5.	" making 2 mattrass needles	1 00

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1861.

Sept.	6.	To repairing buggy	2 00
"	10.	" shoeing horse before	75
"	"	" repairing buggy wheel	1 00
"	17.	" ironing wagon bed	18 00
"	24.	" repairing 4-horse wagon	20 00
"	30.	" " 6 " "	9 00
Oct.	3.	" " 6 " "	12 00
"	9.	" shoeing horse before	75
"	"	" mending stew-pan	25
"	27.	" shoeing 2 horses before	1 00
Dec.	15.	" " 1 " "	75
"	27.	" making buggy tongue	4 00
"	30.	" repairing wagon	3 00
			$171 93

Bought of S. W. Vance:

Nov.	11.	374 lbs. iron, @ 7c.....	26 18	
Sept.	10.	10,500 bricks, @ $7 p'r M.....	73 50	
"	"	For hire of Isam, who commenced work 3d Sept., left Oct. 27, @ $40.00 p'r month	76 00	
				175 68
			$175 68	

Sold to S. W. Vance:

Nov.	20.	2,750 bundles fodder, 10 bundles weighing 25 lbs., @ 12*s.* pr. hundred.....		103 13
		Amount of shop %.....		171 93
				275 06
		Amount bought of S. W. Vance.....		175 66
		Amount due by Vance.....		$99 38

Paid in settlement of 1862.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

578 33. $21.85.] PARISH OF CADDO, *May 25th*, 1861.

Received from S. W. Vance twenty-one & $\frac{85}{100}$ dollars, in full for his State & parish tax for the year 1860.
(Signed) N. HASS,
Sheriff & Collector.

34. Messrs. Ball & Dashields bought of Markham & Boarman:

Aug. 3c, 1860. For S. W. Vance, 100 lbs. ice, @ 7½..... 7 50

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) MARKHAM & BOARMAN.

35. BENTON, LA., *January 1st*, 1861.

Dr. S. W. Vance to C. F. Philson, M. D., Dr.

1860.				
Feb.	17.	Visit to Bob Jenkins.....		6 50
"	18.	" " "		6 50
June	16.	" " Charlotte.....		6 50
"	17.	" " "		6 50
"	29.	" " Eida		6 50
"	30.	" " "		6 50
Sept.	29.	" " Little Aleck		6 50
Oct.	6.	" " Margarette.....		6 50
"	7.	" " "		6 50
"	19.	" " Jerry.....		6 50
"	20.	" " "		6 50
"	23.	" " "		6 50
				78 00

Rec'd payment.
(Signed) C. F. PHILSON.

36. SHREVEPORT, *Jan.* 1*st*, 1861.

Dr. Vance bought of Anna S. Wells:

1860.

M'ch 20.	6 prs. child's hose, 2*s*	1 50
" "	1 child's hat	4 50
		$6 00

Rece'd payment in full March 12, '61.
(Signed) ANNA WELLS,
Pr. D. WALTON.

579 37. MISS M. G. GILMER
vs.
SAM'L W. VANCE, TUTOR, &C., HEIRS OF ESTATE of James B. Gilmer.

1860.

May 15 & 16.	Detention of time, &c., in going to have lands near Christian place appraised, 24 hours, @ 50c. per hour	12 00
	Appointing appraisers, 50; swearing do., 50	1 00
	Writing proces verbal of inventory, &c	2 00
		$15 00
May 18 & 19.	Detention of time making inventory and partition of Barnett property & lands in Bossier & Caddo Parishes (one ½ of expenses)	7 00
	Swearing appraisers	50
	Writing inventory, 20c. per hundred words	4 85
	Affixing seal to inventory	75
	Writing proces verbal of partition, at 25c. pr. hundred words; seal, &c., 75c. for seal, &c	6 50
	Swearing experts to make partition	50
		36 10
	One-third due by minors	12 03⅓

Rece'd payment in full of Dr. S. W. Vance Sept. 4th, '60.
(Signed) AUSTIN MILLER, *Recorder*.

38. *Dr. S. W. Vance to R. W. Vance.*

1860.

June 12.	Visit, mileage, & prescription	10 50
" 13.	" " "	10 50
" 15.	" " "	10 50
July 7.	" " "	10 50
" 9.	" " "	10 50
" 11.	" " "	10 50
" 13.	" " "	10 50
" 15.	" " "	10 50

" 16.	" " "	.....	10 50
" 17.	" " "	.....	10 50
	Amount carried forward.....		105 00
580	Amount brought forward.....		105 00
1860.			
July 18.	Visit, mileage, & prescription.....		10 50
" 19.	" " "		10 50
" 20.	" " "		10 50
" 21.	" " "		10 50
" 23.	" " "		10 50
" 24.	" " "		10 50
" 25.	" " "		10 50
" 26.	" " "		10 50
" 27.	" " "		10 50
" 29.	" " "		10 50
" 28.	" " "		10 50
Aug. 12.	" mileage, & prescription for Frank.....		4 50
" 14.	" " " "		4 50
" 15.	" " " "		4 50
" 16.	" " " "		4 50
" 17.	" " " "		4 50
" 21.	Paid James Marks.....		4 00
			247 00

Settled by note, the above %.
(Signed) R. W. VANCE.

39. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Jan'y 1st*, 1862.

Mr. S. W. Vance bought of Childers & Beard:

	To amount forward.....	218 53
1861.		
Nov. 27.	1½ doz. sewing silk, 60c.....	90
" 28.	1 keg nails.....	10 00
		229 43
	Deduct for error	18 90
		$210 53
April 12th.	1 pr. shoes.....	1 75
" 26.	1 hat.....	1 75
" "	3 yards lawn, 4s.....	1 50
		215 53
	Amount due by J. B. G. & S. E. Vance.....	163 85

Rec'd pay't Jan. 1st, '61, by note.
(Signed) CHILDERS & BEARD.
Pr. LEONARD.

581 40. P. PICKETT *vs.* S. W. VANCE. } In district court of Caddo Parish. No. 5430.

Principal	115 00
Interest from 5th of August, 1856, to 15th M'ch, 1859	18 68
Cost in Caddo & Bossier	10 60
	114 28
By amount of interest	10 60
	$133 68

Also judg't for note of T. M. C Garten for $450, dated 8th Decem., 1858, bearing 8 per cent. interest from date, to order of J. B. Gilmer.

Rece'd payment from S. W. Vance, tutor, Nov. 21, '79.

(Signed) GEO. WILLIAMSON, *Att'y.*

41. *Estate of J. B. Gilmer to Thomas H. Pitts, recorder, Dr.*

1860.

May 18. To taking inventory 10 00

Received payment June 13th, 1860, of S. W. Vance.

(Signed) THOS. H. PITTS, *Recorder of Caddo.*

SHREVEPORT, LA., *January 1st*, 1861.

42. Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Ball & Dashiell:

1860.

May	1.	To 1	hair-brush	1 00
"	"	" 2	combs	1 50
"	"	" 1	tooth-brush	50
"	"	" 1	doz. India-rubber bands	50
"	10.	"	sundries, bill rendered for Mrs. Gayle	1 75
"	28.	" 1	gal. brandy	10 00
"	"	" ½	doz. Eli caps	4 50
"	"	" ½	" blacking	50
"	"	" ½	" lampblack	1 50
"	"	" 25	lbs. black lead	2 50
"	"	" 21	papers seed	1 75

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1860.

Jan.	28.	To 1	cotton book	2 50
"	"	" 1	blank book	75
"	"	" 1	memoran. "	75
"	"	" 2	qu'r's letter paper	60
	"	" "	1 lamp feeder	50
M'ch	13.	" 4	packages envelopes	88
"	"	"	penholder & ruler	1 25

Apr.	10.	" 1 lb. salaratus	25
"	11.	" 3 oz. mur. tin't. of iron	38
"	18.	" fishing tackle	75
"	21.	" blue powders	1 25
May	1.	" 2 whitewash brushes	4 00
"	11.	" 4 oz. blue mass	75
"	26.	" 1 quart bottle ink	1 00
"	"	" ½ ream letter paper	3 00
"	"	" 1 doz. gum bands	75
"	"	" 1 cork-screw	1 00
"	"	" 1 q't bottle paregoric	3 00
"	"	" 6 oz. blue mass	1 00
"	28.	" demj., 10s., 5 gall's whisky	13 75
June	7.	" 39 lbs. rosin, @ 8c	3 12
"	13.	" 1 pocket knife	2 00
"	"	" 6 oz. quinine	12 00
"	"	" 1 doz. vermifuge	2 50
"	"	" 1 lb. gum arabic	75
"	16.	" 1 gall. 4s., castor oil	4 00
"	"	" 1 box Jacob's cordial	1 00
July	4.	" 400 gun caps	40
"	"	" 1 p't spirits of turpentine	75
"	5.	" 2½ gall's Dexter whiskey	1 88
"	"	" ½ " wheat "	1 50
"	"	" ½ lb. blue mass & jar	1 00

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1860.

July	11.	½ lb. blue-mass & jar	1 00
"	"	1 lb. blister ointment & jar	2 00
"	"	6 oz. quinine	12 00
"	"	¼ lb. nutmeg	63
"	13.	1 pint hive syrup	1 25
"	"	½ doz. mustard, ½ lb	2 50
"	"	4 oz. elixir vitriol	50
"	26.	3 bot's brandy	5 00
"	28.	6 oz. quinine	12 00
"	"	1 bottle sweet-oil, fine	75
"	30.	Toilet soap	1 50
Aug.	14.	4 oz. mur. tinct. of iron	50
"	"	1 " chalk et mercury	25
"	22.	1 lb. spirits of nitre	75
"	"	½ " indigo	1 00
"	"	1 bot. brandy	2 00
"	24.	Repairing cotton brand	50
"	29.	3 galls. rye whisky	7 50
Sep.	10.	1 quart sy. of squills	1 75
"	"	1 " paregoric	1 50
"	13.	1 bot. cod-liver oil	1 00
"	"	1 oz. ferroc quinine	3 50
"	"	2 bottles porter	50
"	19.	6 oz. quinine	12 00

"	21.	6 bars rod-iron	93
Oct.	10.	3 galls. rye whisky	7 50
"	"	1 " common "	75
"	15.	Prescription 4686	4 00
"	18.	1 truss, 2.50; 1 do., 3.50	6 00
"	23.	Pills, hiosc. & aconite	50
"	"	2 oz. Fowler's solution	25
	"	" 2 bot's cod-liver oil	2 00
584		Continued from page 583.	
	Oct.	23d. 2 oz. Dover's powders	50
"	27.	bot. liverwort & tar	1 00
Nov.	10.	2 lbs. lampblack	50
"	"	can, 4s.; 2 galls. turpentine	2 50
"	"	1 brush	50
"	"	½ lb. ipecac & bot	1 25
"	16.	½ doz. mustard	2 50
"	"	1 bot. brandy	2 00
"	24.	1 " black ink	25
"	26.	Amount subscription for paper	11 00
"	30.	1½ galls. castor-oil	2 63
Dec.	1.	1 " onion sets	1 00
"	15.	3 " rye whiskey	7 50
"	29.	1 Stratford's gallery	13 00
"	"	1 moral emblem	12 50
"	"	1 Catholic prayer-book	10 00
			257 45
		Amount due by minors	158 09

Rec'ed payment by draft on Sentell & Prather, dated January 1st, 1861, @ 30 days.

(Signed) BALL & DASHIELL.

43. *S. W. Vance to G. B. Sleigh, Dr.*

1860.

Nov.	15.	To 32 pieces, 3 x 4 x 11 feet	3 52	
"	"	" 610 feet sheeting	3 05	
"	26.	" 30 pieces, 3 x 4 x 14	5 04	
"	"	" 700 feet sheeting	3 50	
"	27.	" 50 " "	25	
				19 20
Credit.		By 800 bricks @ $8 per M		6 40
				12 80

Rece'd payment in cash, May 10, 61.

(Signed) G. B. SLEIGH.

585 44. *Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor, &c., in ℅ with Austin Miller, recorder.*

1860.

Feb. 23 & 24. To detention of time, &c., and making inventory of estate Mary B. Vance, dec'd 12 00

		Appointing & swearing appraisers	1 00
		Writing proces verbal of inventory, 25c. per 100 words	8 12
"	25.	Affixing seal to proces verbal on returning to office	75
			$21 87
May	18.	To detention of time going to Dr. S. W. Vance to give audience to family meeting, &c	7 00
		To swearing members of meeting	50
		Writing proces verbal of advice recommending adjudication, &c., @ 20c. per hundred words	2 37
"	21st.	Affixing seal to proces verbal of advice	75
			32 49

Rec'ed pay of Dr. S. W. Vance, Sept. 4th, 1860.
(Signed) AUSTIN MILLER, *Recorder.*

45. Dr. S. W. Vance bought of W. F. Murray.

1860.			
Aug.	15.	1 sack oats 160, 1½	7 50

Paid Sept. 12th, 1860.
(Signed) W. F. MURRAY.

46. BENTON, LA., *January 1st*, 1861.

Dr. S. W. Vance in % with K. P. D. Taylor.

1860.				
Jan.	22.	To	1 sck. tobacco	10
"	"	"	lampblack	40
Feb.	5.	"	2 lbs. castile soap	1 00
"	"	"	1 padlock	1 00
"	24.	"	1 lb candy	50
"	"	"	1 " pecans	38
Mch.	10.	"	1 pr. fine shoes	5 50
"	"	"	1 doz. tin buckets	2 50
"	28.	"	4 boxes mustard, 4s	2 00
	Apr.	25.	" 1 gall. whisky	1 00

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1860.				
April	25.	To	1 fine hand-saw	3 50
"	"	"	3 chisels	2 50
"	"	"	3 straw hats	75
June	4.	"	1 blue bucket	40
Aug.	20.	"	60 yds. Lowells, @ 14c	8 40
Sept.	6.	"	2 prs. russets, @ 1.65	3 30
"	"	"	3 H. S. files, 1s	38
"	25.	"	6 yds. red flannel	3 00
"	29.	"	monkey-wrench	2 00
Oct.	3.	"	1 tin cup	10
"	"	"	3 yds. red flannel	1 88
"	"	"	1 oz. nux vomica	75

"	29.	"	1 b'dle cord	25
Nov.	14.	"	6 yds. Lowell, 14c	84
"	"	"	postage on papers for 1860	2 38
"	"	"	interest to date	25
				49 50
			Amt. due by J. B. G. and S. E. Vance	41 68

Rec'ed payment in full by draft on Sentell & Prather.
(Signed) K. P. D. TAYLOR.

47. $635.91.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *May 1st*, 1863.

Received from S. W. Vance, six hundred & thirty-five & $\frac{91}{100}$ dollars in full of state, parish, school, and internal improvement tax due for the year A. D. 1861.
(Signed) PHILO ALDEN,
Sheriff and Collector.

48. COLLINSBURG, LOUISIANA.

Dr. S. W. Vance to G. W. Sentell & Bros., Dr.

1860.				
Jan.	19.	1 lb	candy	38
Feb.	17.	12	yds. print	1 50
			Amount carried forward	1 88
587			Amount brought forward	1 88
	1860.			
Feb.	17.	To 1	spool thread	10
"	25.	" 1	girth	75
"	28.	" 1	pr. child shoes	1 00
Apr.	13.	" 1	lb. rock candy (Miss M. Gilmer)	50
"	"	" 5½	yds. prints	69
"	"	" 1	doz. white linen buttons	25
"	"	" ½	bundle knitting cotton 18s	1 13
"	"	" 1	set knitting pins	05
"	25.	" 1	jack-plane	1 25
"	"	" 1	smoother	1 25
"	"	" 1	drawing knife	1 00
May	12.	"	amount paid V. Y. Carr	122 25
"	27.	" 1	jack-plane, J. P. Vance	1 25
"	"	" 1	smoother	1 25
June	4.	" 5	yds. twilling (M. G. Gilmer)	1 38
"	5	" 102	lbs. cartridges @ 6c., (self)	6 12
"	"	" 1	painted bucket	38
"	"	" 1	large sieve	50
"	"	" 1	coffee pot	37
"	"	" 1	iron quire	50
"	"	" 1	tin pan	50

"	"	"	1 " "	38
"	"	"	1 stew pan	75
"	"	"	1 set knives & forks	50
"	"	"	5 tin cups, 10	50
"	"	"	1 " "	05
"	6.	"	1 6 qr. augur N. (A. Cooper)	75
"	8.	"	1 pr. O K russets (order)	1 50
"	"	"	1 bunch tape (M. G. Gilmer)	10
"	"	"	3 doz buttons "	30
"	"	"	50 lbs. spike nails, N. A. Cooper	3 25
"	9.	"	1 bot. quinine	2 00

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1860.

June	9th.	To	6 tumblers, 1*s*	75
"	"	"	1 set cups & saucers	25
"	"	"	1 bot. ipecac	25
"	"	"	1 set plates	38
"	10.	"	10 lbs. nails, 7c. (Cooper)	1 12
"	"	"	1 mill saw file	50
"	"	"	1 hand-saw	2 50
"	"	"	1 ¾ aug*ur*	38
"	18.	"	5 prs. russets (Cranford)	7 50
"	"	"	1 " brogan	1 00
"	"	"	8 lbs. shot, 1*s*	1 00
"	"	"	1 " powder	50
"	"	"	1 tin pan	38
"	"	"	1 strainer	25
"	"	"	3 yds. table damask	1 12
"	"	"	2 " crash	25
"	"	"	" curry comb	25
"	"	"	2 bars soap, 20c	40
"	"	"	5 boxes G. D. caps	50
"	"	"	1 milk pitcher	63
"	"	"	1 pr. O K russets	1 50
"	"	"	1 painted bucket	38
"	"	"	6 rolls knitting yarn	1 20
"	28.	"	1 doz. buttons	10
"	"	"	1 set steel knitting pins	05
"	"	"	6 yds. brown linen	1 80
"	"	"	1 6 qr. aug*ur* (Cooper)	75
"	"	"	1 large churn (Cranford)	1 75
July	4.	"	6 lbs. tobacco	2 25
"	"	"	1 pr. shoes	1 50
"	"	"	Rice	50
"	8.	"	1 box mustard	38

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1860.

July	11.	To	2 bars soap	40
"	15.	"	1 lb. black pepper	25
"	"	"	4 " tobacco, 2*s*	1 00

"	"	"	1 hatchet	1 00
"	"	"	epsom salts	15
"	"	"	1 p'r russets	1 50
"	"	"	1 lb. tobacco	38
"	18.	"	1 gal. whiskey	75
"	"	"	1 tin bucket	50
"	"	"	1 p'r russets	1 50
"	19.	"	1 lb. copperas	10
"	"	"	sugar	1 00
"	"	"	10 hanks yarn	1 87
"	"	"	1 boy's hat	1 00
"	21.	"	1 bot. sweet oil	62
"	"	"	1 lb. starch	25
"	23.	"	2 bots. quinine	4 00
"	"	"	1 " paregoric	25
"	"	"	1 " laudanum	38
"	"	"	coffee	1 00
"	"	"	5 lbs. rice, 8	40
"	"	"	½ qr. letter paper	19
"	"	"	½ doz. steel pens	09
"	"	"	1 small bottle ink	10
"	"	"	1 pen-holder	05
"	26.	"	1 p'r calf shoes	3 00
"	"	"	1 " paints	2 00
"	"	"	6 bars soap	60
"	"	"	1 cake hand soap	25
"	"	"	sugar	1 00
"	"	"	1 bot. fine whiskey	50
	"	"	" 1 lb. alum	25
590	Continued from page 589.			
	July	26.	To rice	50
"		29.	" 2 bots. whiskey	1 00
"	"	"	1 p'r O. K. russets	1 50
"	"	"	tea	25
"	"	"	1 chamber	1 00
Aug.		2.	" 1 hunting knife	2 25
"	"	"	1 leather belt	50
"	"	"	1 set knives & forks	1 50
"		12.	" 1 p'r cloth shoes (self)	1 25
"	"	"	1 paper tacks	10
"	"	"	3 y'ds blue ribbon	15
Sept.		9.	" 2 stamped envelopes	08
"		11.	" 1 gall. whiskey (J. P. Vance)	2 50
"	"	"	7 y'ds *janes* (M. G. Gilmer)	1 75
"	"	"	1 hank flax	10
"	"	"	buttons	10
"	"	"	10 y'ds s. j. domestic	1 25
"	"	"	2 bunches tape	20
"	"	"	1 box buttons	25
"	"	"	3 bunch' botin	18
"	"	"	1 doz. pear' buttons	10

"	13.	"	1 bunch tape	10
"	15.	"	2 bots. cider, 4*s*	1 00
"	17.	"	1 " cherries (order)	75
"	"	"	merch'se, order Mrs. Gromlard	5 00
"	23.	"	1 bottle cider	50
Oct.	4.	"	2 skeins silk, M. G. Gilmer	10
"	6.	"	1 bunch whalebone	1 00
"	"	"	2 papers pins	20
"	"	"	1 boy's hat	75
"	"	"	¼ dozen buttons, 2*s*	06
"	"	"	1 girth (self)	1 00

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1860.

Oct.	13.	To	2½ y'ds fine brown domestic	68
"	"	"	9 " s. j. domestic	1 12
"	"	"	5 " prints	50
Nov.	10.	"	1 doz. buttons	05
"	16.	"	½ card buttons, 2*s*	13
"	21.	"	3 hand-saw files, (J. P. Vance)	37
				243 44
May.		Cr. by	1 p'r child's shoes	1 00
				$242 44
		To order	J. L. McDonold	128 00
				$370 44
		Cr. by	shingles (Cooke)	122 25
				$248 19
		Amount due	by J. B. G. & S. E. Vance	223 06

Received payment by draft on Sentell & Prather, Jan. 15, 1861.
(Signed) G. W. SENTELL & BRO.

Some of this account was made during the sickness of negroes moved from Buck Hall to the Hills; the orders of Cooper, Crawford, & Sanderson.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

49. *S. W. Vance to N. A. Cooper, Dr.*

1860.

Jan.	10.	To	cutting & shrinking tire	1 00
May	7.	"	2 chain links	25
"	"	"	10 wrought nails	15
Oct.	30.	"	ironing bolster	1 50
Jan.	10.	"	filling wagon-wheel	12 50
"	16.	"	building flat-boat	30 00
"	"	"	filling wagon-wheel	12 50

"	"	" 1 new wagon	185 00
"	"	" 1 two-horse wagon, partly ironed	120 00
		Carried forward	
592		Continued from page 591.	
	Oct. 30.	1 bolster	100 00
			363 90
		Cr. by negroes' work, 38 days	74 03
		Balance due	289 87
		Amount due by J. B. G. & S. E. Vance	259 84

50. STATE OF ARKANSAS,
Sheriff's Office, Lafayette Co.:

Rece'd Feb. 2d, 1861, from Dr. S. W. Vance, by the hands of W. H. Dashiel, esq'r., one hundred and fifty dollars and ninety-eight cents, in payment of State & county taxes due by J. B. Gilmer's heirs, in Lafayette Co., Arkansas, for the year 1860.

(Signed) J. M. MONTGOMERY, *Agent*,
For F. M. WALDRIP,
Sheriff & Collector.

51. SHREVEPORT, *Dec. 22d*, 1860.

Dr. S. W. Vance, bought of Simpson & Calhoun:

1 bbl. flour	7 50
½ " sugar, bbl. 4*s*., 106 lbs., 9	10 04
82½ lbs. coffee, 18	14 85
5 galls. whiskey, 4*s*	2 50
1 keg for same	1 50
For Buck Hall negroes' Christmas	$36 39

52. STEAM MILL.

S. W. Vance to M. Dixon, Dr.

1860.					
Apr.	19.	343	feet	scantling, 10*s*	4 28
"	"	240	"	rough edge, 6*s*	1 80
"	21.	600	"	" " 6*s*	4 50
May	9.	170	"	scantling, 10*s*	2 18
"	"	100	"	railings, 10*s*	1 25
"	"	120	"	inch plank, 10*s*	1 50
"	"	470	"	rough edge, 6*s*	2 28
"	28.	960	"	boat-plank, 10*s*	12 00
June	1.	858	"	" " "	10 72
					40 51
593				Amount brought forward	40 51
	1860.				
June	1.	To 88		feet scantling, 10*s*	1 10
"	4.	" 132		" boat plank, 10*s*	1 65

"	"	"	323	"	scantling, 10*s*	4 03
"	28.	"	570	"	rough edge, 6*s*	3 83
"	"	"	27	"	joist, 10*s*	33
July	10.	"	1,440	"	oak, 20*s*	26 00
Aug.	2.	"	500	"	scantling, 10*s*	6 88
"	8.	"	560	"	" 10*s*	7 00
"	"	"	300	"	plank, 10*s*	3 75
"	11.	"	480	"	scantling, 10*s*	6 00
"	"	"	27	"	oak, 20*s*	68
"	"	"	340	"	plank, 10*s*	4 25
"	"	"	138	"	do. 10*s*	1 73
"	"	"	30	"	" 10*s*	38
"	14.	"	320	"	joist, 10*s*	4 00
"	25.	"	110	"	plank, 10*s*	1 38
"	"	"	42	"	do. 10*s*	53
"	"	"	45	"	do. 10*s*	56
"	"	"	28	"	do. 10*s*	35
"	28.	"	98	"	inch plank, 10*s*	1 23
Sep.	3.	"	57	"	" "	68
"	4.	"	360	"	" "	4 50
"	"	"	44	"	cotton frame, 10*s*	55
"	22.	"	875	"	r. edge, 6*s*	6 56
						128 46
					By oak plank	26 68
					Amount due by J. B. G. & S. E. Vance	$101 78

Rece'd payment of one hundred & one & $\frac{78}{100}$ dollars, in full of above account.

(Signed) M. DICKSON.

594 53. LOUISVILLE, ARKANSAS, *Feb. 10th*, 1860.

Received of the heirs of J. B. Gilmer, of Louisiana, being one-half of my services in surveying the land known as the Barnett tract, at the time of the division of the property between them and J. R. McClintosh.

(Signed) R. R. CROWELL.

54. *Barstow & Pope for Dr. S. W. Vance, of Louisiana, to Alfred Boulier, Dr.*

For one monument of Italian marble, as per agreement	2,000 00
Invoice, $2,200, Montgomery:	
$2\frac{1}{2}$ % & policy	56 25
Commission	51 40
Exchange, 2,139.33	26 68
	$2,139 33

Balance due S. W. Vance & minors, 711.45.

Received payment in full June 5th, 1860.

(Signed) ALFRED BOULIER.

To be paid out of the crop of 1859, as the debt was made by my wife, Mary B. Vance, in the summer of 1859. She wrote to me while in New York, in July, 1859, to engage the monument for her father's tomb, which I did at the time.

55. *S. W. Vance to A. A. Abney, c'k, Dr.*

1860.

March 4. To copy of an inventory & statement of property in Arkansas, & post'ge, p'r B. L. Hodge..... 5 40
May 5th. To copy of inventory in the tutorship of J. B. G. & S. E. Vance; postage, per Hodge 4 80

$10 20

Rec'ed payment Jan'y 26th, 1861.
(Signed) PHIL. ALDEN,
Sh'ff, for Abney.

56. *Dr. S. W. Vance to A. F. Clarke, Dr.*, 1859.

To visit & prescription for 3..... 15 00

Received pay.
(Signed) A. F. CLARKE.

595 57. Received, Shreveport, La., March 12th, 1861, seventy-five dollars, in full for medical bill 1860.
(Signed) WILLIAMS & GRAY.

58. BENTON, LA., *January 1st*, 1860.

Dr. S. W. Vance to C. F. Philson, M. D., Dr.

1859.

May 30. To visit to Margaret 6 50
June 4. " " " 6 50
" 9. " " " 6 50
" 21. " " Rose..... 6 50
Sept. 9. " " Margaret 6 50
" 11. " " Charlie..... 6 50
Oct. 27. " " Emily..... 6 50
Nov. 18. " " Sally 6 50

$52 00

Feb. 4th, 1861, received payment.
(Signed) C. F. PHILSON.

59. *Minor heirs of Mary B. Vance, deceased, to A. A. Abney, c'k, Dr.*

1860.

Decem. 8. To filing petition for tutorship & order 60
" " " confirmation of tutor & under tutor..... 3 00

"	"	"	taking and filing oath of each	1 20
"	"	"	letters, copy, & filing to each	2 00
"	"	"	commission to take inventory	1 00
1860.				
Feb.	17.	"	making transcript of all proceeds & sale	3 00
"	"	"	judge's certificate furnished	1 00
May	15.	"	filing petition & order for family meeting	60
"	"	"	issuing commission to hold meeting	1 00
"	"	"	copy of petition, description of property, &c	3 50
"	22.	"	" advice of f. meeting, seals, cert'f., & post'ge..	2 10
Aug.	2.	"	recording all proceedings to date	9 80
				$29 20

Rece'd payment, January 26th, 1861.
(Signed) PH. ALDEN,
Sheriff.
(") Per A. A. ABNEY, *C'k.*

596 60. SHREVEPORT, *July*, 1860.

Ball & Dashiell bought of Markham & Boarmond, for Dr. S. W. Vance:

July 13th.	55 lbs. ice,	@ 5		2 75
" 14.	155 " "	@ 5		7 75
" 19.	56 " "	@ 5		2 80
" 23.	100 " "	@ 5		5 00
" 26.	100 " "	@ 7½		7 50
				$25 80
" 26.	By cash			20 00
				$5 80

61. SHREVEPORT, La., *Feb. 16th*, 1863.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Hicks & Buckner:

500 yds. bagging, @ 17c 85 00

Rece'd pay.
(Signed) H. & B.,
P'r THOMPSON.

62. $17.50.] AUGUST 28TH, 1860.

Received this day the sum of seventeen & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, being due me for whetting a cotton gin on the Buck Hall plantation from S. W. Vance, paid in cash by him.
(Signed) JOHN KENNEDY.

63. $262.00.] BUCK HALL, *January 21st*, 1861.

Received of S. W. Vance the sum of two hundred and sixty-two dollars, in full for my services as overseer on the Buck Hall plantation from 10th of July, 1860, to 1st of January, 1861.
(Signed) B. M. SANDERSON.

To be paid out of the crop of 1859, as the debt was made by my wife, Mary B. Vance, in the summer of 1859. She wrote to me while in New York, in July, 1859, to engage the monument for her father's tomb, which I did at the time.

55. *S. W. Vance to A. A. Abney, c'k, Dr.*

1860.

March 4. To copy of an inventory & statement of property in Arkansas, & post'ge, p'r B. L. Hodge..... 5 40
May 5th. To copy of inventory in the tutorship of J. B. G. & S. E. Vance; postage, per Hodge 4 80

$10 20

Rec'ed payment Jan'y 26th, 1861.
(Signed) PHIL. ALDEN,
Sh'ff, for Abney.

56. *Dr. S. W. Vance to A. F. Clarke, Dr.*, 1859.

To visit & prescription for 3..... 15 00

Received pay.
(Signed) A. F. CLARKE.

595 57. Received, Shreveport, La., March 12th, 1861, seventy-five dollars, in full for medical bill 1860.
(Signed) WILLIAMS & GRAY.

58. BENTON, LA., *January 1st*, 1860.

Dr. S. W. Vance to C. F. Philson, M. D., Dr.

1859.

May 30.	To visit	to	Margaret	6 50
June 4.	"	"	"	6 50
" 9.	"	"	"	6 50
" 21.	"	"	Rose.....	6 50
Sept. 9.	"	"	Margaret	6 50
" 11.	"	"	Charlie.....	6 50
Oct. 27.	"	"	Emily.....	6 50
Nov. 18.	"	"	Sally	6 50

$52 00

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" " " confirmation of tutor & under tutor..... 3 00

"	"	"	taking and filing oath of each	1 20
"	"	"	letters, copy, & filing to each	2 00
"	"	"	commission to take inventory	1 00
1860.				
Feb.	17.	"	making transcript of all proceeds & sale	3 00
"	"	"	judge's certificate furnished	1 00
May	15.	"	filing petition & order for family meeting	60
"	"	"	issuing commission to hold meeting	1 00
"	"	"	copy of petition, description of property, &c	3 50
"	22.	"	" advice of f. meeting, seals, cert'f., & post'ge..	2 10
Aug.	2.	"	recording all proceedings to date	9 80
				$29 20

Rece'd payment, January 26th, 1861.
(Signed) PH. ALDEN,
Sheriff.
(") Per A. A. ABNEY, *C'k.*

596 60. SHREVEPORT, *July*, 1860.

Ball & Dashiell bought of Markham & Boarmond, for Dr. S. W. Vance:

July	13th.	55 lbs. ice,	@ 5	2 75
"	14.	155 " "	@ 5	7 75
"	19.	56 " "	@ 5	2 80
"	23.	100 " "	@ 5	5 00
"	26.	100 " "	@ 7½	7 50
				$25 80
"	26.	By cash		20 00
				$5 80

61. SHREVEPORT, La., *Feb. 16th*, 1863.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Hicks & Buckner:

500 yds. bagging, @ 17c 85 00

Rece'd pay.
(Signed) H. & B.,
P'r THOMPSON.

62. $17.50.] AUGUST 28TH, 1860.

Received this day the sum of seventeen & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, being due me for whetting a cotton gin on the Buck Hall plantation from S. W. Vance, paid in cash by him.
(Signed) JOHN KENNEDY.

63. $262.00.] BUCK HALL, *January 21st*, 1861.

Received of S. W. Vance the sum of two hundred and sixty-two dollars, in full for my services as overseer on the Buck Hall plantation from 10th of July, 1860, to 1st of January, 1861.
(Signed) B. M. SANDERSON.

64. *Dr. S. W. Vance to W. Thatcher, Dr.*

1860.

For ferriage for the year 1860..... $82 40

Rece'd payment by sight draft.
(Signed) WM. THATCHER.

65. BUCK HALL, *July 9th*, 1860.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of three hundred & sixteen
597 dollars and sixteen cents, being in full payment for my wages for overseeing on the Buck Hall plantation, from the 1st day of January to the 9th day of July, 1860, in full for all demands against said party.

(S'g'd) HENRY V. SENTELL.

66. SHREVEPORT, LA.,
January 1st, 1862.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Overby & Ratliff:

1861.

Janu.	11th.	1 pr. boots	9 00
"	18.	1 cravat	3 00
"	26.	2 papers pins; ½ doz. cotton socks	3 25
"	"	1 pr. Congress shoes	4 50
Apr.	26.	1 " boy's Congress, 16*s*	2 00
May	10.	1 " ladies' slippers	2 50
"	25.	1 doz. suspension braid	75
Aug.	8.	7½ yds. calico	94
Sept.	4.	1 pr. shoes	1 50
"	"	5 yds. W. Lindsey	3 13
Dec.	9.	4 spools flax thread	1 00
"	"	6 yds. alpaca	6 00
			37 57

Received payment by note.
(Signed) By W. COLLER,
O. & R.

67. *S. W. Vance to N. A. Cooper, Dr.*

1861.

Jan.	31.	To ironing 1 double tree	1 00
June	3.	" stocking 1 cradle	4 00
"	29.	" repairs on buggy	2 00
July	22.	" 1 coffin for negro	6 00
"	31.	" laying spindle on axle	2 50
"	"	" 2 bolts & taps	75
Aug.	16.	" 1 hook & link in chain	50
"	"	" 1 breast-chain	75
"	30.	" 2 large bolts	1 75
Sep.	6.	" mending king bolt	75

"	"	1 small bolt		25
	Oct.	6. 1 Bois d'Arc wagon, partly ironed		60 00
598		Continued from page 597.		
	Oct.	6. To 1 double-tree & irons		1 50
Nov.	1.	" putting up one press		75 00
"	"	" laying & planking up gin		5 00
"	"	" 1 set gin gear		75 00
"	"	" 7 hoes, 2.50 each		17 50
"	29.	" 2 washers on wagon		1 00
"	"	" shank on augur		25
"	"	" sheller crank		75
Oct.	17.	" repairs on buggy		3 00
"	"	" 4 bolts & taps		2 00
Nov.	8.	" 4 bands for shaft		3 00
"	"	" 4 lever bolts 4s		2 00
"	"	" 1 band on screw		2 25
"	"	" 3 small bands		1 00
"	"	" 1 set bale buckles		5 50
"	"	" 1 bolt, 4s		50
"	"	" 8 long nails		40
"	"	" 1 new oak cart		40 00
"	"	" 53 lbs. iron, 10c		5 30
Aug.	30.	" 1 pr. hounds		5 00
"	"	" 1 single-tree		25
				$326 55
		Amount due for segment, &c., Coushatta		66 05
				$392 60
		Interest on within		21 24
				$413 84
		Amount due by minors		$347 79

Mr. S. W. Vance, at sight, you will please pay to R. W. Vance the sum of four hundred & thirteen $\frac{80}{100}$ doll's, and the same shall be a receipt for the within.

(Signed) N. A. COOPER.

599 68. *S. W. Vance in % with Gilmer & Co.*

1860.	Dec.	14. To cash paid freight & charges on t. stone		76 45
"	"	" " " " drayage		25 00
"	"	" " receiving & forwarding		12 50
"	"	" " cash paid wharfage		12 50
"	May	8. " drayage to graveyard		25 00
"	Dec.	21. " interest on %		11 50
				162 95
		Amount due by J. B. G. & S. E. Vance		54 32

Rece'd pay in full.

(Signed) GILMER & CO.

69. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Oct.* 23*d*, 1861.

Mr. S. W. Vance bought of Aaron & Dreyfus:

1861.

Jan. 26. To 1 box tobacco, 108 ℔s 21 60

Received payment.

(Signed) AARON & DREYFUS.

70. 1860. LAFAYETTE CO., ARKANSAS.

Heirs of James B. Gilmer, dec'd, to J. M. Montgomery, c'k, Dr.

To recording power of attorney from Miss Gilmer to S. W. Vance, tax, seal, &c	2 00
½ fees for maps & field notes	1 25
Taking 2 acknowledgments & cert'f't to same	1 60
½ fees for 2 " " "	80
Taking 2 proofs & certificate to same	1 60
½ fees for recording instrument of writing, agreement, &c. (report of comm'r)	3 80
Fees for recording conveyance & mortgage from McClintosh to heirs	3 60
Transcript, agreement, & postage	3 80
Fees on petition of S. W. Vance as guardian in probate court	4 00
	$22 45

Received payment in full of Dr. S. W. Vance, January 29th, 1861.

(Signed) J. H. MONTGOMERY, *C'k.*

600 71. $151.08.] PARISH OF BOSSIER, LA., *Sept.* 13, 1861.

One day after date I promise to pay to B. M. Sanderson the sum of one hundred & fifty-one $\frac{08}{100}$ dollars, for value received, bearing 8 % interest from date until paid. Witness my hand and seal.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.* [L. S.]

72. Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Howel & Buckner:

Oct. 24. '62. To 4 beaves, @ $25	100 00
" " " " interest @ 8 % to date	2 75
	$102 75

Settled by note.

(S'g'd) HOWEL & BUCKNER.

$102.75.] SHREVEPORT, *Oct.* 24*th*, 1862.

One day after date I promise to pay to the order of Howel & Buckner one hundred & two & $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars, value received, with 8 % int. from date.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

73. SHREVEPORT, LA., *January* 1*st*, 1862.

Plaindealing bought of Ball & Dashiell:

1861.

Jan. 2d. To 24 papers of seed, 2.00; 1 gall. onion seeds, 1.00	3 00
" " " 2 ℔s. cream of tartar, 1.00; 1 ℔. soda, 2*s*; tin scoops, 4*s*	1 7

" 29.	"	½ doz. gelatine, 1.50; 2 yds. oilcloth, 3.00.....	4 50
Apr. 11.	"	17 papers seeds, 1.45; May 13th, 50 lbs. lard 15c., 7.50.....	8 95
June 27.	"	sealing wax.....	1 00
July 26.	"	sundry bills rendered from C. Macarty.....	65 70
" "	"	1 doz. ale.....	3 00
			$87 90

Settled in note given by S. W. Vance.
(Signed) BALL & DASHIELL.

74. Received from S. W. Vance the sum of ninety-one dollars & sixty-seven cents, being amount due me for services overseeing on Buck Hall plantation from the 30th of Sept. to 1st December, 1861, being two months, this 2d day of December, 1861.
(Signed) ANDREW J. HAYNES.

601 V. 75. $382.33⅓.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Sept. 13th*, 1861.

Received from S. W. Vance, this day, the sum of three hundred & eighty-two dollars & thirty-three cents; $31.25 & $200 in cash, and the sum of one hundred & fifty-one dollars & $\frac{08}{100}$c., his promis'ory note, one day after date, which I hold, being the sum due me for services as overseer on the Buck Hall plantation from 1st January last to 9th September, 1861.
(Signed) B. M. SANDERSON.

$200.00.] SEPT. 12TH, 1861.

One day after date I promise to pay L. D. Arrick, or order, the sum of two hundred dollars, for value received; bearing 8 per cent. per annum interest from date until paid. Witness my hand & seal this 12th day of Sept., 1861.
(Sig'd) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor*. [L. S.]

76. *S. W. Vance to G. B. Sleigh, Dr.*

July 12th.	20	pieces, 3 x 8 x 18.....	720 ft.	
" "	1,200	feet flooring.....	1,200	
" 29.	8	pieces, 3 x 4, @ 1.75.....	520	
" 28.	25	" 1¼ x 12, heart, 2.00.....	500	
" "	340	feet, inch, 2.00, 20.....	340	
Aug. 3d.	25	scantling, 3 x 4, @ 1.25, 20.....	500	
" "	23	" 3 x 4, 20.....	550	
" 5.	25	" 3 x 4, 20.....	500	
" "	60	" 1¼ x 5, 20.....	650	
" 6.	152	feet, 1¼ x 5, 20.....	1,583	
" 9.	10	pieces, 1¼ x 4, 20.....	67	
" "	48	" 1 x 10, 2.00, 18.....	720	
" "	10	" 1 x 12, 2.00, 18.....	180	
Oct. 5.	1,560	feet ceiling, 18.....	1,560	
" "		hauling the same, 30c.....		4 68
" 7.	460	feet flooring, 18.....	460	
" "	40	pieces, 1 x 12, @ 2.00.....	882	

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Oct.	7.	To hauling 1312 feet, @ 30c			3 93
"	8.	" 950 feet r. e		775	
"	"	" 8 pieces, 1 x 12 (@ 2.00)		144	
"	"	" 45 feet ceiling		45	
"	"	" hauling 1139 feet, @ 30c			3 41
"	11.	" 59 pieces, 3 x 4 heart, @ 75c, 18		900	
"	"	" 12 " 1 x 12 " @ 2.00		216	
"	"	" 6 " 2 x 18, 1.25, 18		324	
"	22.	" 60 " 3 x 4 heart, 1.75, 18		1,080	
"	"	" 269 " 1 x 3, 15		1,345	
"	"	" 84 1 x 3, 10		265	
"	"	" hauling 1610 feet, 30c			4 83
"	"	" 60 pieces, 3 x 4 heart, @ 1.75		1,080	
"	"	" hauling 1080 feet			3 24
"	"	" 800 feet rough edge			4 00
"	"	" hauling 800 feet			2 40
"	26.	" 241 pieces, 1 x 3, @ 1.12, 15		1,205	
"	"	" 220 feet r. e			1 60
"	"	" hauling 1315 feet			3 94
Nov.	5.	" 850 feet r. e			4 75
"	"	" hauling 850 feet, 30c			
"	6.	" 800 feet r. e			5 00
"	"	" hauling same			2 40
"	27.	" 1,210 feet w. boards		1,210	
"	"	" hauling same			3 63
Dec.	3.	" 1,255 ft. w. boards		1,255	
"	"	" hauling same			3 76
		Credits			348 22
		By 360 bushels corn, @ 50c. pr. bushel			160 00
					188 22
		To 1,090 feet scaffolding, 1¼ x by 5 x 20			13 62
					$201 84

Rece'd payment by note.

(Sig'd) G. B. SLEIGH.

603 201.89. One day after date I promise to pay G. B. Sleigh, or order, the sum of two hundred and one dollars & eighty-nine cents, for value received, bearing eight per cent. interest per annum from 1st January last. This 17th day of June, 1862.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

77. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Miss Mattie G. Gilmer's blacksmith shop.*

Jan.	8.	To laying 14 plows with steel	12 00
"	"	" shoeing 1 horse	1 00
"	"	" " " "	1 50
"	24.	" making 1 double tree	1 00

"	"	"	ironing 5 prs. hames	60
"	29.	"	pointing 2 plows	2 00
Feb.	1.	"	making knife to cut Bois d'Arc	3 50
"	"	"	ironing 2 double trees	1 40
"	3.	"	sharpening 3 plows, 20c	60
"	7.	"	" " " 20c	60
"	"	"	ironing 2 d. trees & 4 s. trees	4 00
"	"	"	making 3 clevisses, 4*s*	1 50
"	12.	"	laying 2 plows, 6*s*	1 50
"	18.	"	mending 2 clevises, 2*s*	50
"	"	"	making 2 clevis points, 1*s*	25
M'ch	3.	"	" 9 scooter plows	10 00
"	"	"	laying 7 turn plows	3 50
"	8.	"	sharpening 6 turn plows	1 20
"	"	"	pointing 3 plows, @ 2*s*	75
"	"	"	laying 2 two-horse plows	1 50
"	"	"	pointing 1 plow	38
"	"	"	sharpening 2 plows	40
"	"	"	making 2 prs. plow-handle staples	20
"	14.	"	teeth for 6 harrows, 180, @ 1*s*	22 50
"	"	"	making 1 rod	37

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	March	18.	To making 6 prs. staples	30
"	"	"	one flesh fork	50
"	21.	"	two slat irons for wagon bed	75
"	"	"	pointing 10 sweeps, @ 2*s*	5 00
"	"	"	sharpening 23 sweeps, 2*s*	5 75
"	"	"	making one rod	75
"	"	"	2 bolts, 2*s*	50
"	23.	"	putting 8 links in fifth chain	1 00
"	"	"	sharpening 1 plow	20
Apr.	4.	"	laying 4 plows, @ 6*s*	3 00
"	"	"	pointing 11 " @ 3*s*	4 13
"	"	"	sharpening 6 plows, 20c	1 20
"	9.	"	making 6 solid sweeps, 70 lbs., @ 1*s*	8 75
"	20.	"	" 3 prs. rings for breeching	1 50
"	"	"	" 4 prs. hip-strap hooks	1 25
"	"	"	12 buckles for belly-band	2 00
"	"	"	3 shovel-plows, 20 lbs., @ 1*s*	2 50
"	23.	"	4 hooks, @ 2*s*	1 00
May	8.	"	3 shovel plows & heel bolts, 32, @ 1*s*	4 00
"	20.	"	sharpening 15 plows, 20c	3 00
"	"	"	laying plows, 10, 6*s*	7 50
"	"	"	pointing 4 plows, 3*s*	1 50
"	"	"	making 3 pr. staples	15
June	5.	"	" one hame hook	25
"	"	"	" one tie for breast chain	25
"	21.	"	Sharpening 10 plows, 20c	2 00
"	"	"	" 5 " "	1 00
July	6.	"	making arch bar	25
"	14.	"	making & mending arch bar	1 75

"	18.	" repairing buggy	2 80
"	19.	" mending 1 scraper, 3*s*	37
	"	" " sharpening 1 sweep	25
605		Continued from page 604:	
	July	19. To sharpening 1 sweep	25
Aug.	14.	" repairing wagon	5 00
"	23.	" putting 1 spoke in wagon wheel	1 00
"	"	" making 1 slider for wagon	50
"	"	" cutting & tight'ning 2 tires on wagon	2 00
"	"	" making 4 straps of iron wagon bed	1 50
"	"	" " 16 nails	1 00
Sept.	7.	" " 1 bolt pin, 6*s*	75
Oct.	10.	" shoeing horse before	75
"	11.	" repairing 2-horse wagon	7 00
"	14.	" mending squirrel cage	50
June	1.	" 1,625 lbs. fodder, at 12*s*. pr. cwt	24 37
			182 97
June	1st.	Cr. by 600 bricks, @ 7.00 pr. M	4 20
		Balance due on account	$178 77

Paid by settlement in 1862.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

78. *W. L. Vance to ferriage, Dr.*

1861.			
March	30.	To overseer & hands	30
"	"	" horse & buggy, east	1 00
Apr.	23.	" cart, east & west	1 00
M'ch	20.	" this amount	4 60
Sept.	3.	" cart, east & west	1 00
Oct.	4.	" order	1 00
"	11.	" order	1 00
Nov.	28.	" wagon	2 00
Dec.	1.	" boy & horse	40
"	2.	" cart, east & west	1 00
"	"	" hand	20
Jan.	18.	" 6-mule team	2 40
"	25.	" self & horse & 6-mule team	3 00
M'ch	19.	" self & horse, 40; lady & servant	1 00

606 79. *Invoice of merch'd'ze purchased by Miss Burr for Mrs. Burr, and shipped by Sentell & Prather for % of Dr. S. W. Vance, Collinsburg.*

1	piece crash, 25, 1*s*	3 13
10	yds. bro. linen linsey, 2*s*	2 50
2	" noland, 35c	70
2	" wh't linen, 30	60
6½	" paper cambric, 10	65

1	corset	2 50
1	jaconet band	1 75
1	doz. spools	50
1	" col. "	25
1	piece plain jaconet, 20, 20c	4 00
¼	ream paper	75
1	card	40
1	silver thimble	50
6	pr. Eng. pins, 20c	1 20
11	yds. Fr. calico, 2*s*	2 75
12	" Eng. " 10c	1 20
16	" Swiss muslin, 55	8 25
1	pr. black silk gloves	1 00
10	yds. brown cotton, 1*s*	1 25
1	piece bleached cotton, 37½, 15	5 63
1	" plaid muslin, 16, 40	6 40
	buttons	1 60
1	doz. h'dk'fs, 3.00; 2 yds. percale, 75; 8 yds. Fr. calico, 2.00	5 75
5	yds. Eng. calico, 1.88; 9 yds. printed linen, 4.95	6 83
7½	yds. linen cambric, 20	1 25
2	" Irish linen, 2.00; 6 yds. wh't. duck, 3.90	5 90
6	" brown duck, 3.60; 2 gross bone buttons, 50	4 10
1	gross pearl buttons	1 00
		$72 34

NEW ORLEANS, *Feb. 18th*, 1861.

607 80. *Invoice of merchandize purchased by Sentell & Prather, and shipped per Louis d'Or, for ⅔ of S. W. Vance & Miss M. G. Gilmer, Carolina Bluff.*

2	bbls. S. F. flour, 5¾	11 50
4	" mess pork, 18½	74 00
1	bag old Java coffee, 137, 24	32 88
½	bbl., 4*s*.; rice, 150, 5½	8 75
1	box E. D. cheese, 23, 16	3 68
5	gal's sirup, demj., 6*s*, 1.00	5 75
2	bbls. choice sugar, 230, 251—481, 8c	38 48
½	" 4*s*., powdered sugar, 115, 12c	14 30
1	box buckwheat	1 25
4	" candles, 160, 20	32 00
2	" 1℔. oysters, 4 doz., 3#	12 00
1	" creole soap, 48, 7	3 36
½	bbl. No. 1 mackerel	10 00
1	box soda crackers	2 50
6	cans, 2℔., lobsters, 4.50	2 25
6	" 2℔., salmon *d* "	2 25
10	℔s. almonds, 22	2 20
10	" pecans, 12½	1 25
10	" filberts, 12½	1 25
10	" Brazil nuts, 12½	1 25

"	18.	"	repairing buggy	2 80
"	19.	"	mending 1 scraper, 3*s*	37
	"	"	" sharpening 1 sweep	25
605			Continued from page 604:	
July	19.	To	sharpening 1 sweep	25
Aug.	14.	"	repairing wagon	5 00
"	23.	"	putting 1 spoke in wagon wheel	1 00
"	"	"	making 1 slider for wagon	50
"	"	"	cutting & tight'ning 2 tires on wagon	2 00
"	"	"	making 4 straps of iron wagon bed	1 50
"	"	"	" 16 nails	1 00
Sept.	7.	"	" 1 bolt pin, 6*s*	75
Oct.	10.	"	shoeing horse before	75
"	11.	"	repairing 2-horse wagon	7 00
"	14.	"	mending squirrel cage	50
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Oct.	4.	"	order	1 00
"	11.	"	order	1 00
Nov.	28.	"	wagon	2 00
Dec.	1.	"	boy & horse	40
"	2.	"	cart, east & west	1 00
"	"	"	hand	20
Jan.	18.	"	6-mule team	2 40
"	25.	"	self & horse & 6-mule team	3 00
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2	" noland, 35c		70
2	" wh't linen, 30		60
6½	" paper cambric, 10		65

1	corset	2 50
1	jaconet band	1 75
1	doz. spools	50
1	" col. "	25
1	piece plain jaconet, 20, 20c	4 00
¼	ream paper	75
1	card	40
1	silver thimble	50
6	pr. Eng. pins, 20c	1 20
11	yds. Fr. calico, 2*s*	2 75
12	" Eng. " 10c	1 20
16	" Swiss muslin, 55	8 25
1	pr. black silk gloves	1 00
10	yds. brown cotton, 1*s*	1 25
1	piece bleached cotton, 37½, 15	5 63
1	" plaid muslin, 16, 40	6 40
	buttons	1 60
1	doz. h'dk'fs, 3.00; 2 yds. percale, 75; 8 yds. Fr. calico, 2.00	5 75
5	yds. Eng. calico, 1.88; 9 yds. printed linen, 4.95	6 83
7½	yds. linen cambric, 20	1 25
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		$72 34

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2	bbls. S. F. flour, 5¾	11 50
4	" mess pork, 18½	74 00
1	bag old Java coffee, 137, 24	32 88
½	bbl., 4*s*.; rice, 150, 5½	8 75
1	box E. D. cheese, 23, 16	3 68
5	gal's sirup, demj., 6*s*, 1.00	5 75
2	bbls. choice sugar, 230, 251—481, 8c	38 48
½	" 4*s*., powdered sugar, 115, 12c	14 30
1	box buckwheat	1 25
4	" candles, 160, 20	32 00
2	" 1℔. oysters, 4 doz., 3#	12 00
1	" creole soap, 48, 7	3 36
½	bbl. No. 1 mackerel	10 00
1	box soda crackers	2 50
6	cans, 2℔., lobsters, 4.50	2 25
6	" 2℔., salmon *d* "	2 25
10	℔s. almonds, 22	2 20
10	" pecans, 12½	1 25
10	" filberts, 12½	1 25
10	" Brazil nuts, 12½	1 25

lars, for value received, bearing 8 per cent. interest per annum from date. Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of April, 1860.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, [L. S.]
Natural Tutor of his Children.

Int. 2 y., 4 mo's, 18 d's, $529.99.

90. SHREVEPORT, LA., *July*, 1864.

I certify that I had Philo Alden's receipt in my possession only a day or two since for $216.46, paid him by Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor, on account of the minors J. B. G. & Sarah E. Vance, & that said receipt is now lost or mislaid.

(Signed) A. B. LEVISSEE.

91. *Hogs bought in Texas by Wm. Haynes for acc't of S. W. Vance & Miss M. G. Gilmer.*

1.	Lot of Dubose,	19 hogs	@ $10.00	per head.....	190 00
2.	" " Mrs. Mitchel,	5 "	" 10	"	50 00
3.	" " H. Fowler,	34 "	$12	"	408 00
4.	" " Reed,	30 "	8¼	"	261 00
5.	" " Mallory Johnson,	35 "	@ 5.70	"	200 00
6.	" " Tumblestone,	40 "	@ 8, 1, 1.50	.....	321 00
7.	" " Reeder,	5 "	@ 8	.....	40 00
8.	" " Ivy,	30 "	@ 8	.....	240 00
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9.	Lot of R. Reeder,	3 heads,	@ 8.00	.....	24 00
10.	" " Johnson	1 "	@ 6.00	.....	6 00
11.	" " Maj. Maghee,	40 "	@ 12.25	.....	490 00
12.	" " "	1 "	@ 4.00	.....	4 00
					$2, 234 50
	Expenses, feed of hogs & hands, Texas home			.....	108 45
	Hire of 2 negroes 1 day,	@ 1.50	pr. day	.....	3 00
	" " Reeder 3 "	@ 1.50	"	.....	4 50
	" " negro 1 "	@ 1.00	"	.....	1 00
	" " Fowler 3 "	@ 2.00	"	.....	6 00
	" " Dave 2,	@ 1.50	"	.....	3 00
	" " Marion Kelly 4,	@ 1.50	"	.....	6 00
	" " Spradlin			.....	20 00
	" " Kelly 12,	@ 1.50	"	.....	18 00
	" " " 4,	@ 1.50	"	.....	6 00
	" " " board home			.....	3 00
	" " Johnson			.....	40 00
	" " self			.....	33 00
	" " hands crossing river at Shreveport			.....	5 00
	" " Jones, 11½,	@ 1.50		.....	17 25
	" " ferriage Shreveport, going and coming			.....	9 90
	Bought one mule of Cox			.....	200 00
	" " " & horse, 150 each			.....	300 00
	" " " Flournoy			.....	200 00
	Charges on mule at Sinn's, Shreveport			.....	3 00

3 galls. coal tar in Shreveport		1 00
Paid Wm. Haynes for services		50 00
	3,272	60
Amount due by James B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance	$1,536	30
Handed Haynes	$3,600	00

612 $1,800.] BOSSIER PARISH, *Collinsburg, Oct. 6th*, 1862.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of eighteen hundred dollars to purchase hogs in Texas.

(Signed) WM. HAYNES.

92. $947.59.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Novem. 2d*, 1863.

Received from S. W. Vance nine hundred & fifty-seven & $\frac{59}{100}$ dollars, in full for State, parish, school, & internal-improvement tax due for the year A. D. 1862.

(Signed) PH. ALDEN,
Sheriff & Tax Collector.

93. *Buck Hall plantation Dr. to Miss M. G. Gilmer's shop.*

1862.			
Jan. 1.	To making staples for wagon bed	1	00
" 16.	" repairing meat cutter	1	00
" 20.	" laying 10 plows	7	50
" "	" sharpening 4 plows	1	00
" "	" making 6 rods, @ 3*s*	2	25
" "	" " 6 heel bolts, 2*s*	1	50
" "	" " 8 staples		40
" "	" ironing 2 double trees	2	00
" "	" " 8 single "	4	00
" "	" making 6 lap-rings		75
" "	" ironing 5 prs. hames	1	88
" "	" repairing 5 " traces	1	50
" 23.	" putting 1 pr. old shoes on horse		50
Feb. 19.	" laying 16 plows	12	00
" "	" pointing 8 "	3	00
" "	" ironing 2 d. trees	2	00
" 23.	" sharpening 6 plows	1	50
" 24.	" making 5 " 148	18	40
" "	" sharpening 8 plows	2	00
" "	" laying 1 plow		75
" "	" making 2 staples		25

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1862.			
Feb. 24.	To making 3 rings & staples for ox yoke	3	12
" "	" " 2 prs. staples		60
" "	" laying 1 plow		75
M'ch 7.	" making 5 one-horse plows, 155, @ 1*s*	19	38

"	"	"	filling 1 wagon wheel	6 00
"	"	"	putting tire on wheel	1 00
"	"	"	making 6 keys for ox yoke	1 00
"	10.	"	sharpening 8 plows	2 00
"	16.	"	repairing cart	2 00
"	"	"	pointing 1 plow	37
"	"	"	making log chain	1 50
"	22.	"	sharpening 3 plows	1 00
"	"	"	pointing 1 plow	38
"	"	"	repairing wagon	3 50
"	"	"	splicing 1 chain	1 25
Apr.	5.	"	making 3 staples 9 lbs., @ 1*s*	1 12
"	"	"	" 1 pr. hinges, 17 @ 1*s*	1 88
"	"	"	" 8 heel bolts & rods, 22 lbs. 1*s*	2 75
"	"	"	sharpening 6 plows	1 50
"	15.	"	ironing 1 axletree	1 00
"	"	"	laying 2 stirrup bands	75
"	"	"	making 6 clevis pins	25
"	"	"	mending drawing knife	50
"	"	"	putting old shoes on horse	50
May	2.	"	repairing ox wagon	2 50
"	"	"	sharpening 4 plows	50
"	"	"	making 2 clevises	75
"	13.	"	pointing 1 turn plow	37
"	"	"	sharpening 8 scrapes & 1 shovel	2 15
"	16.	"	" 24 sweeps, 2*s*	6 00
"	"	"	" 14 turn plows	2 90
	"	"	" " 8 shovel "	1 20

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1862.

May	16.	To	upsetting 4 screws	40
"	"	"	mending 1 clevis	13
"	23.	"	sharpening 2 sweeps	50
June	8.	"	pointing 5 plows	1 50
"	"	"	sharpening 8 "	3 60
"	"	"	upsetting 8 heel bolts	1 00
"	"	"	making wings to sweep	1 50
"	17.	"	sharpening 17 plows	3 40
"	28.	"	making 1 pr. hinges, 17 lbs	2 37
July	10.	"	" 8 hooks & 16 bolts & staples	2 00
"	26.	"	splicing 5th chain	1 50
"	"	"	making 1 hook, 1 latch, & 1 staple	1 00
Aug.	3.	"	shrinking tire & making needle	1 50
"	7.	"	shoeing horse before	1 00
"	9.	"	making 1 needle	50
"	"	"	" washer & linchpin	50
"	"	"	repairing 2-horse wagon	12 00
"	"	"	" 4 " "	4 00
"	23.	"	shoeing horse before	75
"	"	"	shrinking wagon tire	1 00
"	"	"	making washer	25

"	"	"	repairing bolster & band on wagon	2 00
"	30.	"	" buggy	3 00
"	"	"	ironing ox yoke	1 50
"	"	"	making 1 frow	1 00
"	"	"	" iron for "	4 00
Sept.	9.	"	repairing wagon	5 00
"	"	"	shoeing horse before	75
"	20.	"	shrinking tire on wheel	1 00
"	"	"	making 12 pr. gate-hinges, 18 lbs. 1*s*	2 25
"	"	"	" rings & staples	1 00
"	"	"	repairing breast chain	1 00
615			Continued from page 614.	
	1862.			
Oct.	12.	To	setting axletree on 2-horse wagon	2 00
"	"	"	repairing wagon bed	1 00
"	16.	"	making irons for looms	4 00
"	"	"	repairing "	1 00
Nov.	20.	"	ironing 1 4-horse wagon	85 00
Dec.	17.	"	laying 10 plows	7 50
"	"	"	sharpening 2 plows	50
"	"	"	repairing double trees	3 00
				$303 55

Settled Oct. 10, '63.
(Signed) P. V. O'NEIL.

94. *Invoice of mdze. purchased by Sentell & Prather, and shipped per str. Louis d'Or, % S. W. Vance.*

2 bbls. Irish potatoes, 2.40	4 80
4 bars Mersler, $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ 2 " Sweedes, 2 x $\frac{3}{4}$ 2 " " $1\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ 2 " " 2 x $\frac{3}{4}$ } 799 @ 5c	39 95
1 bundle M'dsten, $\frac{1}{4}$o, 112 @ 7*s*	7 84
1 " " $\frac{3}{16}$o, 112 @ 6	6 72
1 " " $\frac{1}{2}$o, 112 @ $5\frac{3}{4}$	6 44
1 " " $\frac{1}{2}$, 112 @ $5\frac{3}{4}$	6 44
1 " h. shoe, $\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{8}$, 112 @ 6	6 72
1 " nail rod, 50 @ $6\frac{1}{2}$	3 25
1 " Eng. hoops, $\frac{3}{4}$, 56 @ $4\frac{1}{2}$	2 52
2 slabs Sweedes, 11 x $\frac{3}{8}$ " " 9 x $\frac{3}{8}$ } 592 @ 6	35 52
2 bars Sweedes, $\frac{3}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$	
4 " " $2\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$, 494 @ 5	24 70
3 " Medsten, $\frac{3}{4}$o, 71 @ $5\frac{1}{4}$	3 73
1 b'dle Am'n bl't'd steel, 134 @ $7\frac{1}{2}$	10 05
1 doz. flat B files	7 50
2 horse rasp	2 00
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$2\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Slack's S. hoes, 7.50	18 75

½ " " " 7.25	3 63
1 " Collins' axes	13 00
2 " currycombs, 2.25	4 50
½ " blind bridles	16 50
3 sides harness leather, 45 lbs., 32	15 75
6 prs. traces, 85	5 10
1 grindstone, 190 @ 1½	2 85
15 kegs nails, spikes, 3.75	56 25
Drayage	2 25
Insurance on 330 @ 1¾ %	5 88
Commission, 2½ %	7 67
	320 31

NEW ORLEANS, *January* 15*th*, '61.

95. $650.00.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *February* 23*d*, 1863.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of six hundred & fifty dollars, being amount due me for services rendered as overseer on the Buck Hall plantation in the year 1862, and the sum of thirty-six $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, acc't charged to Buck Hall, money I paid out for the place.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

96. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Feb.* 18*th*, 1862.

Dr. Vance bought of Lannar & Spor:

6 yds. wh. flannel, @ 8*s*	6 00
1 card pearl buttons	1 00
1 fine comb	1 25
2 prs. ch'n shoes, 10*s*	2 50
1 bunch shoestrings	25
18 prs. russets, @ 14*s*	31 50
1 " " " " *a/c*	1 25
1 " com. shoes, No. 8	75
	44 50
617 Amount brought forward	44 50

(Paid.)

(Signed) LARNED & SPOR.

97. *S. W. Vance to Sentell & Prather.*

To amount on account (No.)	3, 200 00
Cash	4, 355 00
	$7, 555 00

1862.
July 9th.
" " By ⅓ of Barnett plantation, say 755½ acres, @ 30$, $22,665 $7, 555 00

Settled as above.

(Signed) SENTELL & PRATHER.

98. $51.24.] SHREVEPORT, *5th March*, 1862.

One day after date I promise to pay to the order of Simpson & Calhoun fifty-one & $\frac{24}{100}$ dollars, value received, with 10 % int. from date.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor*.

SHREVEPORT, LA., *January 1st*, 1861.

99. Plaindealing bought of Childers & Beard:

May	22.	To 81¼ yds. domestic, 6½	5 28
June	2.	" 76 " bleached sheeting, 46	34 96
"	"	" 1 doz. towels	5 00
"	"	" 2 " " 3.50	7 00
"	"	" ½ " flesh, 3.50	1 75
"	"	" 2 bake dishes, 20	40
"	"	" 3 " " 60	1 80
"	"	" 1 " " "	40
"	"	" 240½ lbs. brown sugar, 12	28 98
"	"	" 96 " crushed " 16	15 76
"	"	" 1 coffee-pot	4 00
July	9.	" 80 yds. matting, 35	28 00
"	11.	" 2 cords & tassel, 1.40	2 80
"	"	" 1 " "	1 00
"	"	" 1 chamber set	6 50

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July	11.	To 4 bowls & pitchers, 2.00	8 00
"	"	" 6 yds. baize	6 00
"	"	" 1 dipper	50
"	"	" 1 bucket	1 50
"	"	" 1 wash-pan	40
"	"	" 1 cord & tassel	75
Aug.	13.	" 3 doz. papers tacks, 6*s*	2 25
"	"	" 60 yds. matting, 3*s*	22 50
"	"	" 20 " Turkey red calico, 30c	7 80
Oct.	23.	" am't bill rendered at tin shop	49 10
"	"	" 36 yds. cotton plaid, 16⅔	6 00
"	22.	" 1 jar	1 25
"	"	" 30 yds. sheeting, 4*s*	15 00
"	"	" 3 hearth brooms, 2*s*	75
"	"	" 1 ladle	75
"	"	" 1 crumb brush	65
"	"	" 1 rat trap	50
"	"	" 1 cake box	2 50
			$269 83

Amount acceptance Kendall's bill.

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) CHILDERS & BEARD.

100. *Invoice of merch'd'se purchased by Sentell & Prather and shipped p'r Louis d'Or for account of Dr. S. W. Vance.*

126 sacks corn, 300^{15}, 55	165 15
15 bbls. lime, 1.50	22 50
5 " mess pork, 21.50	107 50
Drayage	4 65
Insurance, 328, @ 1¾ %	5 74
Commission, 2½ %	7 49
	313 03

NEW ORLEANS, *January* 29, 1861.

619 SHREVEPORT, LA., *January 1st*, 1861.

Miss Mattie Gilmer bought of Ball & Dashiell:

1860.		
Feb. 19.	To 1 truss for George	1 25
M'ch 24.	" 1 pocket knife	1 50
Apr. 1.	" 1 doz. fruit cans, qts	6 50
" " "	1 " " " pts	2 50
May 13.	" 1 copy of Beulah	1 50
" 29.	" 1 " Life for Life	1 50
" 30.	" 15 lbs. chrome green, @ 4*s*	7 50
" " "	15 lbs. Paris " @ 4*s*	7 50
" " "	600 lbs. pure lead, @ 12*s*	72 00
" " "	20 galls. linseed oil & 2 cans, 5.00, 10*s*	30 00
" " "	15 " boiled " & 2 cans, 12*s*	26 25
" " "	4 boxes glass, 10x12, 3.00	12 00
" " "	40 lbs. putty, 8	3 20
" " "	1 paper sprigs	25
" " "	2 lbs. lampblack	50
" " "	10 lbs. Spanish whiting	1 00
" " "	1 lb. burnt umber in oil	50
" " "	1 lb. raw " " "	50
" " "	30 lbs. Vent. red, 2*s*	7 50
" " "	2 galls. copal varnish & can	4 00
" " "	5 8*s*. brushes	10 00
" " "	2 dusting	2 25
" " "	6 sash tools & 2 lbs. chrome yellow	3 00
" " "	6 pencil brushes	1 50
" " "	6 filtchers	1 50
" " "	10½ lbs. plastering hair	90
" " "	½ lb. ream sand-paper	1 75
" " "	12 galls. turpentine & can, 8*s*	13 70
" " "	3 " Jasper varnish	9 75
	" " " 1 lb. burnt sienna in oil	50

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May 30.	40 rolls wall paper, @ 10*s*	50 00
" " 30	" " " 40c	12 00
" " 3	" bordering band, @ 16*s*	6 00
" " 3	" 6 strips, @ 12*s*	3 00

"	"	3 " gilt, @ 4.00	12 00
"	"	Boxes, packing, &c	1 25
"	"	Varnish brush	1 00
"	"	2 lbs. raw sienna in oil	1 00
June	2.	Bot. balsam fur	1 50
"	"	6 sable hair brushes	1 50
"	"	1 doz. story books	2 00
"	"	2 alphabets	50
"	8.	1 lb. Paris blue in oil	1 00
"	"	1 lb. U. M. in gum	75
"	13.	300 lbs. pure lead, 12.00	36 00
"	"	20 lbs. Paris green in oil, 4s	10 00
"	"	5 galls. copal varnish, 3.50	18 75
"	"	6 hair pencils	1 50
"	"	3 varnish brushes	2 50
"	"	1 lb. dry white lead	25
"	"	10 galls. linseed oil & cans, raw	14 50
"	"	5 " " " " boiled	8 75
"	"	1 bag putty & knife	50
"	"	10 lbs. yellow ochre in oil, 4s	5 00
"	"	24 papers tacks	2 50
"	"	7 tubes carmin' ink, @ 4s	3 50
"	"	1 ball twine	25
"	"	30 lbs. Ven. red in oil	7 50
"	"	2 " India. red, dry	1 00
"	"	Difference in price wall paper	6 00
"	23.	6 papers brads	1 50
		" " 6 tubes scarlet luke	1 50
621		Continued from page 620.	
	June	25. To 3 lbs. white glue, @ 6s	2 25
"	"	" 10 books gold leaf, 4s	5 00
"	"	" 1 b'ttle must. varnish	1 50
"	"	" 1 varnish brush	50
July	2.	" 12 prs. window fast'nings	6 00
"	"	" 1 pr. braces	20
"	"	" 3 lbs. powder pumi'e	75
"	9.	" 2 lbs. India red, @ 4s	1 00
"	"	" 1 lb. sulp. zink	50
"	"	" ¼ gum arabic	25
"	"	" 2 oz. sponge	50
"	"	" wall brush	2 00
"	"	" 1 lb. lump pumice stone	25
"	"	" 6 strippers	25
"	12.	" 3 bottles zylo balsum	1 13
"	"	" guitar strings	1 50
"	"	" 1 doz. fruit cans, 1 gal	5 50
"	"	" 1 " " " ¼ "	3 25
"	"	" 4 " " " ½ "	15 00
"	"	" 1 box packing	50
"	"	" 100 lbs. pure white lead	12 00
Aug.	3.	" 150 lbs. " " "	18 00

"	"	" 5 galls. turpentine, 8*s*.....	5 00
"	"	" 2 " Japan, 3.00.....	6 00
"	"	" 50 lbs. flour, 8c.; bag, 10c.....	4 10
"	"	" 1 doz. zylo balsamum.....	4 00
"	"	" 1 dem'j'n, 6*s*.; 1 gall. cologne, 6*s*.....	6 75
"	"	" 1 doz., qts., fruit cans.....	3 25
"	"	" can, 2*s*.; 1 gall. copal varnish.....	4 00
"	"	" 2 books gold leaf, 10.00.....	20 00
"	22.	" 2 whitewash brushes, 2*s*.....	3 00
		" 23. " 100 lbs. white lead.....	12 00
622		Continued from page 621.	
		July 23. To 10 lbs. sulphate zinc, @ 2*s*.....	2 50
"	"	" 25 lbs. glue, @ 2*s*.....	9 38
"	31.	" cash.....	10 00
Sept.	19.	" amount assumed for Kendall.....	32 15
"	27.	" 1 looking-glass plate.....	2 50
Oct.	22.	" 1 lb. powdered pumi'e stone.....	38
"	"	" 1 lb. rotten stone.....	25
"	"	" 1 bath brick.....	10
"	"	" 2 doz. toilet soap.....	1 20
"	"	" 2 bars 6 # castile soap, 2*s*.....	1 50
"	"	" 1 doz. olive oil, qts.....	8 00
"	"	" 2 lbs. white mustard seed.....	1 00
"	"	" ½ lb. cinnamon bark.....	38
"	"	" ¼ " mace.....	50
"	"	" ¼ lb. turmeric.....	25
"	"	" 2 galls. vinegar & demijohn.....	1 95
"	"	" 1 pr. nut crackers.....	75
"	"	" 1 cork screw.....	75
"	"	" 1 bbl. best flour.....	12 50
"	"	" ½ " 4*s*.; 66 lbs. white sugar.....	12 87
"	"	" 1 " brown sugar, 221.....	28 14
"	"	" 1 safe.....	10 00
"	"	" 2 qrs. note paper, 2*s*.....	50
"	"	" 2 doz. apples.....	1 88
"	"	" 4 bottles flavoring extract.....	1 10
"	"	" 1 " cochineal.....	35
"	"	" 5 pack'g's gelatine.....	1 25
"	"	" 1 lb. citron.....	75
"	"	" 2 boxes Ayres pills.....	50
"	"	" 1 box packing.....	1 00
Nov.	9.	" amount paid Shidet's bill.....	11 00
		" 14. " cash paid for onions.....	1 80
623		Continued from 622.	
		Nov. 26. To cash subscription Catholic Standard.....	3 00
"	29	" 4 lbs. black pepper 2*s*.....	1 00
"	"	" 4 " citron, 6*s*.....	3 00
"	"	" ½ box raisins.....	2 75
"	"	" 4 lbs. currants @ 30.....	1 20
"	"	" ¼ lb. nutmegs.....	63
"	"	" 1 box, 40 lbs., starch, 18¾.....	7 50
"	"	" 1 doz. boxes mustard.....	2 50

"	"	" 2 vials extract celery	50
"	"	" 1 bundle strong strings	1 25
"	"	" 1 pitcher & bowl	2 50
"	"	" 1 bbl., 43 gall's, molasses	21 50
"	"	" 1 " flour	13 50
"	"	" 1 " pickle pork	24 00
"	"	" 1 bag Havana coffee	27 88
"	"	" 1 doz. can oysters	6 00
"	"	" ½ " hops	25
"	"	" 1 vial indelible ink	50
"	"	" 1 box & packing	50
Decem. 28.		" 1 copy, 3 vols., What Will He Do With It?	4 00
			$868 42
Amount Kingston plantation			103 29
			$971 71

Rec'd payment by draft on Sentell & Prather.
(Signed) BALL & DASHIELL.

102. *Mr. S. W. Vance to A. M. Hull & Co., Dr.*

1861.

Apr. 24.	To	25 sacks salt, @ 5	125 00
July 16.	"	interest to date	9 20
			134 20

Rec'd payment.
(Signed) A. M. HULL & CO.
" S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

624 103. Dr. S. W. Vance bought of S. W. S. Culp:

1862.

Jan.	10.	To	10	kegs	10d. nails, $12	120	00
"	"	"	2	"	8d. " $15	30	00
"	"	"	1	"	6 "	15	00
"	"	"	1	"	5 "	15	00
"	"	"	1	"	20 "	12	00
"	"	"	1 slab 9 x ⅜ Sweeds iron 103 @ 8c			8	24
"	"	"	1 bar 2½ x ¾ " " 86 @ 8			6	88
"	"	"	2 " 1¾ x ¾ " " 132 @ 8			10	56
"	"	"	2 " ¾ round iron, 36, @ 8			2	98
"	"	"	1 b'dle ½ in. rod, 112 @ 8			8	96
"	"	"	1 " ½ do. 71 @ 8			5	68
"	"	"	1 Am. blister steel ¾			9	31
"	"	"	3 large bastard files			3	00
"	18	"	1 sieve				50
"	"	"	1 bar Eng. iron, 2½ x ¾, 108, @ 6			6	48
"	25	"	2 cans powder			2	00
"	"	"	1 " "			2	25
"	"	"	1 hatchet, 8s.; steel hammer, 1.25			2	25

111. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Apr. 26th*, 1862.

S. W. Vance bought of L. Baer:

1 box tobacco, 81, @ 50 ..... 40 50

Rece'd payment,

(Signed) L. BAER.

112. $720.56.] SHREVEPORT, 11*th January*, 1862.

Received from John M. Sandige seven hundred and twenty & $\frac{56}{100}$ dollars, in full payment for nine thousand seven hundred pounds of pork sold and delivered this day on % of Dr. Whit. Vance. Amount due by minors, $245.42.

(Signed) A. B. JOHNSON.

113. Received Shreveport, La., June 21st, 1862, of Dr. S. W. Vance' sixty-three dollars on % of shoes purchased some time since.

(Signed) W. E. HAMILTON.

114. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Apr. 26th*, 1862.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Stacy & Wells:

1 box, 102 lbs., tobacco, 50c..... 51 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) STACY & WELLS.

115. MAY 6*th*, 1862.

Mr. S. W. Vance to str. A. W. Carrier, Dr.

To freight on 20 bbls. molasses, @ 2.00.....	40 00
" " charges.....	10 00
	50 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) F. A. BIOSSAT, *Clerk.*

116. *S. W. Vance to G. B. Sleigh, Dr.*

1862.					
Feb.	8.	To 1,260 feet w. boards, 126 ft.....			15 75
"	11.	" 51 pcs. 1¼x7, 18, 695.....			8 78
"	26.	" 5 " 1x15½, 241.....			1 50
"	"	" 5 " 2x5, 20.....			2 00
628		Continued from page 627.			
Feb.	26.	To 118 pcs. 1x5.....	470 feet.		8 88
Mch.	21.	" 2,180 feet 1x8, 1x6, 18	2,180		27 25
"	"	" 1 pc. 4x6x18.....	30		37
"	28.	" 60 " 2x4x12.....	480		
"	"	" 6 " 4x6x12.....	124		
					7 87
May	3.	" 27 " 2x4x13.....	234		
"	"	" 2 " 4x6x24.....	256		
					6 12

"	9.	"	21 joist, 2x6x20	441	
"	"	"	6 " 2x4x13	50	
"	"	"	420 feet flooring	420	
					11 63
"	12.	"	12 rafters, 3x4x12	144	
"	"	"	12 sleepers, 3x8x15	360	
"	"	"	20 " 3x8x20	800	
"	"	"	18 joist, 2x6x21	387	
"	"	"	4 pieces, 3x4x16	64	
"	"	"	286 feet flooring	286	
					25 40
"	17.	"	175 " "	175	
"	"	"	528 " r. e	264	
"	"	"	40 " scant	40	
					5 98
June	3.	"	658 " w. boards	658	
"	"	"	342 " inch	342	
					12 50
"	14.	"	528 " r. e	264	
"	"	"	390 " w. boards	390	
"	"	"	22 scantling, 3x4x12	264	
					11 82
"	25.	"	350 ft. r. e	160	
"	"	"	20 pieces, 3x4x12	240	
"	"	"	12 " 3x4x13	156	
					6 95
"	27.	"	950 feet w. boards	950	
July	1.	"	100 " r. e	500	
					18 12
"	4.	"	630 " inch	630	
"	"	"	144 " "	144	
	"	6.	" 96 pieces, 3x6x12	1,242	15 52
629	Continued from page 628.				
	July	9th.	To 188 feet w. b	188	
"	"	"	112 " inch	112	
"	"	"	18 set. 3x4x16	288	
"	"	"	23 " 3x4x13	299	
					10 71
"	10.	"	704 feet r. e	357	
Aug.	3.	"	82 p'c's, 3x4x16	832	
"	"	"	10 " " " "	130	
"	"	"	620 feet r. e	310	
"	"	"	25 pieces, 3x4x13	325	
"	"	"	4 " 4x6x21	168	
					22 10
"	6.	"	1,240 feet flooring	1,240	
"	"	"	728 " r. e	364	
					20 15
"	8.	"	4 p'c's, 4x7x14	98	
"	"	"	10 " 3x4x16	160	
"	"	"	45 feet of scantling	45	
					3 78

"	"	"	1 jack plane	1 25
"	"	"	2 French locks	2 00
"	"	"	1 " "	1 25
"	"	"	1 cross-cut saw	6 50
"	"	"	4 spades, 8.00; 1 shovel, 2.00	10 00
"	25	"	6 prs. traces	6 00
"	"	"	1 hand axe, 4 ♯	1 75
"	"	"	1 grindstone, 111 @ 3	3 33
				$293 11

Rec'd, Shreveport, March 5th, 1862, in payment note & df't.
(Signed) S. W. S. CULP,
Per DREYFUS.

625 $293.11.] SHREVEPORT, LA., *March 5th*, 1862.

One day after date I promise to pay to the order of S. W. S. Culp two hundred and ninety-three & $\frac{11}{100}$ dollars for value received, negotiable & payable without defalcation or discount, and with interest at eight per cent. per annum from date until paid.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

104. *S. W. Vance, esq'r, to McClure & Smith, Dr.*

1861.			
June 27.	To 1 keg 14*s*., 9 galls. whiskey		24 25
July 10.	" 200¼ y'ds Lowell, @ 16c		32 04
Sept. 13.	" 134¼ " " @ 18c		24 21
			$80 50

Received note 1 d. s.
(S'd) McCLURE & SMITH.

$80.50.] FEB. 17TH, 1862.

One day after date I promise to pay to McClure & Smith, or bearer, eighty & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, without defalcation, value received, with 8 % interest from January 1st, 1862.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

105. Dr. S. W. Vance bo't of G. M. Nicholas & Co.:

1861. May	24.	224 lbs. ½ in. round iron, 7c		15 68
" "	31.	2 scythe blades, 12*s*		3 00
" Oct.	23.	63 lbs. chain		4 12
" "	"	1 corn sheller		12 50
				35 30

Rece'd payment by note with int. from date.
(Signed) G. M. NICHOLAS CO.

106. Dr. S. W. Vance bought of T. H. Morris, Shreveport:

1861.			
March	12.	To 1 knife, 3.00; pocket comb, 2*s*.....	3 25
"	"	" 1 pocket cork-screw	75
June	1.	" 2 galls. iron varnish, 20*s*.....	5 00
		Amount carried forward.....	9 00
626		Amount brought forward.....	9 00
	June 1st.	To 2 gall. can.....	63
			9 63

Rece'd payment by note.
(Signed) TH. H. MORRIS.

$9.63.] SHREVEPORT, LA., *February 25th*, 1862.

One day after date I promise to pay to the order of Thomas H. Morris nine dollars & $\frac{63}{100}$, value received, with 8 % interest from 1st of January last.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

107. AUGUST 6TH, 1862.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of sixty dollars, being amount due me for burning sixty thousand brick on the Buck Hall plantation (burning & making 60,000 bricks).

(Signed) his ROBT + OXFORD. mark.

108. $150.00.] Received of S. W. Vance the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for a horse given by him to Mr. Hammond, belonging to Capt. Fuller's cavalry company from Bossier Parish, this 27th day of March, 1862.

(Signed) WM. HAYNES.

109. SHREVEPORT, *July 16th*, 1862.

S. W. Vance bought of C. McCarty:

Jan.	25.	3 rolls bagging, 390, @ 28c.....	109 20
"	"	1 keg, 50c., 114 lbs. sugar, @ 12½.....	14 75
"	"	8 buckets, @ 50c.....	4 00
"	"	2½ % for advancing.....	3 20
"	"	Interest, @ 8 % per annum.....	5 00
			$136 15

Rece'd payment, July 16th, 1862.
(Signed) C. McCARTY.

110. 25.50.] PARISH OF CADDO, *June 7th*, '62.

Rece'd of S. W. Vance twenty-five & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, in full for his
627 State & war tax, parish soldier tax, & parish tax for support of volunteers' families for 1861.

(Signed) J. W. PICKENS,
Sheriff & Collector.

111. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Apr. 26th*, 1862.

S. W. Vance bought of L. Baer:

1 box tobacco, 81, @ 50 ..... 40 50

Rece'd payment,

(Signed) L. BAER.

112. $720.56.] SHREVEPORT, 11*th January*, 1862.

Received from John M. Sandige seven hundred and twenty & $\frac{56}{100}$ dollars, in full payment for nine thousand seven hundred pounds of pork sold and delivered this day on % of Dr. Whit. Vance. Amount due by minors, $245.42.

(Signed) A. B. JOHNSON.

113. Received Shreveport, La., June 21st, 1862, of Dr. S. W. Vance' sixty-three dollars on % of shoes purchased some time since.

(Signed) W. E. HAMILTON.

114. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Apr. 26th*, 1862.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Stacy & Wells:

1 box, 102 lbs., tobacco, 50c..... 51 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) STACY & WELLS.

115. MAY 6*th*, 1862.

Mr. S. W. Vance to str. A. W. Carrier, Dr.

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		50 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) F. A. BIOSSAT, *Clerk.*

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"	15.	"	300	"	r. e.....	150	
"	"	"	500	"	w. b.....	500	
"	"	"	500	"	inch.....	500	
"	"	"	500	"	inch.....	500	
							12 50
Sept.	27.	"	9	pieces,	2x4x20.....	440	
"	"	"	8	"	3x4x16.....	128	
"	"	"	4	"	$3\frac{1}{4}$x8x4.....	149	
"	"	"	1	"	8x8x$5\frac{1}{2}$.....	30	
"	"	"	1	"	5x5x6.....	20	
							9 33
Oct.	30.	"	1,230	feet	r. e.....	600	
							7 50
Nov.	28.	"	36	in	.....	36	
"	"	"	60	"	.....	60	
							1 44
							$278 27
"	"	One hundred corn sacks, 25.....					25 00
							$303 27
Credit. By 280 b'ls corn, @ 62c., & 45 bush. potatoes, @ 60c...							202 00
							$101 27
630		Amount brought foward					101 27
		Cr. By 80 bush'ls corn, @ 1.00					80 00
							$21 27

Rec'ed payment in full M'ch 21, '63.
(Signed) G. B. SLEIGH.

117. *Wm. Haynes in ℅ with S. W. Vance.*

1863.

Sept.	"	To 2 loads of corn, 55 & 40 b'ls, 95, @ 1.00.....					95 00
"	"	" 1	"	"	40, @ 1.00.....		40 00
"	"	" 500 lbs. fodder, @ 2.50 p'r cwt.....					12 25
"	"	" 9 bush'ls eschal*lotte*, @ 4.00					36 00
							183 50

CREDIT.

By 1 oz. quinine.....	50 00	
" 6 " sp'ts turpentine.....	5 00	
" ferriage	3 00	
" Rose's bill, Aug. 9th, 1863	160 00	
" going after Dave, Alex'a.....	50 00	
		268 00
		$84 50

Rec'ed payment 2d Oct., 1863, in full.
(Signed) WM. HAYNES.

118. SHREVEPORT, *January*, 1863.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of G. M. Nicholls & Co.:

1862.

Aug.	6.	To 3 bars tire-iron, 296 lbs., @ 10c	29 60
"	11.	" 4 " iron, 206, @ 10c	21 60
"	"	" 1 slab steel, 66, @ 20c	13 20
"	"	" 1 cross-cut saw	4 13
"	20.	" 2 doz. c. s. hoes, @ $15	30 00
Dec.	5.	" 12 prs. butts, 2*s*	3 00
"	"	" 1 gross same	2 00
			103 53

Rec'd payment March 27th, 1863.
(Signed) G. M. NICHOLAS CO. (in liquidation.)

119. *Invoice of mdze. purchased by Sentell & Prather, & shipped per steamer Louis d'Or, a/c S. W. Vance.*

25 bbls. mess pork, @ 18.50	462 50
Amount carried forward	462 50
631 Amount brought forward	462 50
Drayage	1 25
Commission, 2½	11 59
Insurance on $510.12, @ 1¾	8 92
	$484 26

NEW ORLEANS, *February 9th*, 1861.

120. Dr. S. W. Vance bought of A. H. Montgomery:

To 4 mare mules, @ 175 ..... $700 00

Rece'd payment, N. O., Ap'r 9th, 1861.
(Signed) A. H. MONTGOMERY.

121. SHREVEPORT, LA., *January 19th*, 1862.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of McClure & Smith:

1 box, 1 doz., axes, @ 2.00 ..... 24 00

Received payment.
(Signed) McCLURE & SMITH.

122. *Dr. S. W. Vance to W. Heecox, Dr.*

To erecting monument 40 00

Please pay bearer and oblige,
(Sig'd) W. HEECOX.

SHREVEPORT, *Feb. 1st*, 1861.

Rece'd payment by draft.
(Signed) W. HEECOX & CO.,
Per D. A. McDONALD.

123. Received from S. W. Vance, tutor, two hundred & fifty dollars, bal. of fee due by him in succession of J. B. Gilmer, March 22d, 1861.
(Signed) HODGE & AUSTIN, *Att'ys.*

124. Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Geo. M. Nicholas & Co.:

1861.

May	24.	224 ℔s. ½ in. rod iron, 7.....	15 88
"	31.	2 scythe blades, 1.50.....	3 00
Dec.	21.	33 ℔s. rod iron, 9c.....	2 97
			$21 65

Rece'd Shreveport March 5th, '62, in payment note, @ 1 % with interest.
(Signed) G. M. NICHOLAS CO.

125. $300.00.] One day after date I promise to pay J. W. Vance or bearer the sum of three hundred & , for value received. May 8th, 1862.
(Sig'd) S. W. VANCE.

632 The amount of the foregoing note was given to Capt. Butler's company.

126. COLLINSBURG, LA.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of W. M. Sentell & Co.:

1861.

Decem.	14.	To 1 card buttons, M. G. Gilmer.....	13
"	17.	" 1 pr. buck. gloves (self).....	1 75
Jan.	4.	" buttons (Mrs. Burr).....	25
"	5.	" 1 blacking line.....	25
"	15.	" 1 saddle banket.....	1 50
"	"	" 2 bot's whiskey, @ 4*s*.....	1 00
"	16.	" 1 ℔. almonds.....	38
"	26.	" 1 p'r 48 ℔. hand balances.....	75
"	"	" 1 set iron table-spoons.....	25
"	"	" 1 " " tea "	25
"	"	" 1 painted bucket.....	37
"	"	" 1 salt-cellar.....	10
"	"	" 1 pepper-box.....	10
"	"	" ½ ℔. black pepper, 2*s*.....	13
"	"	" 1 broom, 4*s*; ℔. candles, 3*s*.....	87
"	30.	" 5 ℔. shot, 4*s*.....	63
"	"	" postage.....	08
"	28.	" cash paid for Pinders.....	3 00
Feb.	1.	" whisky.....	1 00
"	"	" 1 smoothing iron.....	80
"	"	" merch'ze paid boy.....	10
"	8.	" 1 smooth. iron.....	80
"	14.	" 2 bars soap, 20*s*.....	40
"	18.	" whiskey, 3*s*.; 1 bench-screw, 6*s*.....	1 13
"	19.	" 1 gal. whiskey.....	2 50
"	"	" 2 lead-pencils, 10*c*.; 1 claw-hammer, 6*s*....	95

"	23.	" 1 coffee-mill, 4*s*.; ¼ gross matches, 6*s*.....	1	25
"	"	" 1 ℔. lead; 1 large tin-pan, 6*s*.....		95
"	"	" 1 tin bucket.....		75
633		Amount brought forward.....	23	00
	April	3d. To 5 ℔s. shot, 1*s*; 1 bot. laudanum, 4*s*..	1	13
"	"	" 2 papers tacks 10.....		20
"	7.	" ½ qr. cap paper.....		19
"	"	" 1 yd. gingham, (Mrs. Burr).....		38
"	"	" 1 doz. bunches tape.....		75
"	13.	" 1 bottle turpentine, (Haynes).....		50
"	"	" 1 wood rasp.....		75
"	15.	" 1 pr. boy's shoes, (Burr).....	1	75
"	16.	" 1 large file, (Haynes).....		75
"	20.	" 2-gall's whiskey.....	5	00
"	"	" 1 2-gall. jug		75
"	21.	" 1 ℔ cream candy		50
"	"	" ½ " rock "		25
May	1.	" 1 pr. blankets.....	5	00
"	3.	" 1 " brogans, (order).....	1	75
"	4.	" 1 ℔ assorted candy.....		50
"	5.	" merch'ze, paid Jordan, (order).....	7	00
"	"	" " " Ebbing, "	6	00
"	"	" " " Daniel, "	6	00
"	"	" " " Tom Barrett, "	6	00
"	6.	" 1 qt. bot. ink, 6*s*; 1 ink stand, 2*s*.....	1	00
"	"	" 1 qr. letter paper.....		38
"	"	" ½ " " "		19
"	"	" 2 doz. steel pens, 2*s*.....		50
"	8.	" 1 pr. child's shoes.....	1	25
"	"	" 1 steel spur.....		75
"	"	" 2 hanks knitting yarn.....		38
"	18.	" ½ doz. boxes blacking.....		37
"	"	" ½ ℔ gum camphor		75
"	"	" 1 pr. calf shoes.....	1	50
		Amount carried forward.....	75	32
634		Amount brought forward.....	75	32
	February	26. To 1 pound cream candy.....		50
"	"	" 1 p'r trimmers, 14*s*.; 1 seive, 4*s*.....	2	25
"	"	" 1 mirror, 6*s*; 1 cupboard lock, 4*s*.....	1	25
M'ch	5.	" 1 girth, 6*s*; 1 jug, 3*s*.....	1	13
"	"	" 1 gal. whiskey, 20*s*; 2 ℔ candy, 3*s*.....	2	69
"	10.	" 1 buggy whip.....	1	75
"	"	" 1 gross negroe buttons, 2*s*.....		25
"	"	" ½ card buttons.....		10
"	14.	" 14 tin buckets.....	3	50
"	19.	" 5 ℔s. candles, 3*s*.....	1	88
"	"	" 2 papers needles, 10.....		20
"	"	" 4 curry combs, 2*s*.....	1	00
"	"	" 1 ℔ starch, 2*s*; 1 ℔ powder, 4*s*.....		75

"	"	"	2 yds. cottonade	1 00
"	"	"	2 " twill	50
"	"	"	1 bunch tape	10
"	"	"	1 " fac. thread	13
"	21.	"	1 jug, 4*s*; whiskey	87
"	24.	"	1 fine padlock	1 00
"	29.	"	12 yds. musquito netting, 15	1 80
"	"	"	1 ball shoe thread	10
"	"	"	7 yds. domestic, 7	49
"	"	"	1 box caps	25
"	"	"	1 pr. gun wipers	38
"	"	"	3 yds. musquito netting, 15	45
June	11.	"	12 bot's quinine, 2.50	30 00
"	12.	"	postage	10
"	15.	"	1 pr. gent's brogans	2 00
"	17.	"	1 bunch envelopes	25
"	"	"	4 bottles champaign	5 00
"	18.	"	1 boy's hat	1 00
"	22.	"	1 bot. champaign	1 25

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June	23.	To	3 undershirts	4 50
"	"	"	1 bot. brandy	1 25
"	29.	"	8 yds. striped cottonade	3 00
"	"	"	2 doz. cups & saucers	1 50
July	1.	"	1 saddle-blanket	75
"	2.	"	¼ lb. green tea	25
"	"	"	12 yds. red flannel, 45	5 40
"	14.	"	14 " sheeting, 14	1 96
"	"	"	24 " stripes, 14	3 36
"	3.	"	5 lbs. tobacco, 5*s*	3 13
"	15.	"	postage	10
"	29.	"	5 bot's copal varnish, 8*s*	5 00
"	"	"	2 " turpentine, 4*s*	1 00
"	"	"	½ lb. lampblack, 2*s*	13
Aug.	1.	"	Amount paid carrying mail	2 50
"	"	"	1 bot. champaign'	1 25
"	3.	"	6 yds. prints; 1 bot. do., 10*s*	2 15
"	4.	"	1 keg, 105 lbs., tobacco	19 69
"	"	"	1 pocket-knife	75
"	"	"	3 yds. prints, 15*c*	45
"	"	"	2 hanks knitting yarn	60
"	"	"	1 pr. ladies' buckskin shoes	3 00
"	"	"	1 pr. buck gloves	1 50
"	7.	"	1 bot. castor oil	50
"	11.	"	1 butter knife	25
"	"	"	1½ gal. whiskey, 4*s*	75
"	26.	"	34¾ yds. best sheeting, 16*s*	6 52
"	"	"	37½ " blue " 2*s*	9 38
"	"	"	16 " canton flannel	3 00
"	"	"	24 " aprons, checks	4 50
"	28.	"	2 prs. boys' shoes, 12*s*	3 00
"	"	"	2 " copper-tip " do	2 50

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Aug.	28.	To 1 pound candy		38
Sept.	2.	" 1 paint brush	1	25
"	"	" 6 hand-saw files, 15		90
"	"	" 1 cross-cut "		75
"	8.	" 1 lb. blue mass		50
"	"	" 1 bot. laudanum		75
"	"	" ½ qr. letter paper		19
"	10.	" 1 pr. balances	7	00
"	"	" 1 slate		25
"	13.	" 6 hand-saw files		75
"	"	" 1 cross-cut "		63
"	17.	" 1 tin dipper		25
"	22.	" 1 ¼ augur		50
"	"	" 1 ¾ "		38
"	"	" 1 gall. lard oil	1	75
"	"	" 1 glass lamp	2	00
Oct.	1.	" 1 bot. castor oil		75
"	7.	" 34 yds. cotton diaper, 16s	6	28
"	"	" 3 silk han'kerchiefs, 4s	1	50
"	"	" 10 papers needles, 10	1	00
"	"	" 48 yds. prints, 15	7	20
"	"	" 1 " cambric		13
"	"	" ¾ card pearl buttons		75
"	"	" 1 " " "		37
"	"	" 4 yds. diaper, ½		75
"	"	" 1 doz. paper pins	1	00
"	"	" 1½ " marbles		15
"	"	" 12½ yds. brilliants, 2s	3	13
"	"	" 2 " bushop lawn, 5s	1	25
"	"	" 6½ " prints, 15		98
"	"	" 105 " " 15c	15	75
"	"	" 1 doz. bunches braid		50

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Oct.	12.	To 8½ yds. prints, 15c	1	27
"	17.	" 52 lbs. sugar, 10c	5	20
"	29.	" 3 prs. snuffers, 4s	1	50
"	"	" 3 papers carpet tacks, 1s		38
Nov.	1.	" 167 lbs. coffee, 28	46	76
"	"	" 1 oven lid, 8, 10c		80
"	5.	" 11 prs. russets, @ 14s	19	25
"	"	" 1 painted bucket,		63
"	"	" 2 papers carpet tacks, 1s		25
"	23.	" 24 skeins silk, 5c	1	20
"	"	" 1 gall. lamp oil	3	00
Dec.	2.	" 1 saw set	1	50
"	12.	" 1 tin bucket		63
"	18.	" 1 5-4 augur, 1s. 6d		94
"	25.	" 7 axes, 18s	15	75
			$396	06

CREDIT.

Apr.	By 1 wood rasp		75
May.	" 1 pr. child's shoes		1 00
"	" ½ doz. buttons		19
Aug.	" 34¾ yds. sheeting		4 43
Oct.	" 2 boy's hats		2 50
Dec'r	" 1 saw sett		1 50
			$10 37
	Total amount debit		385 69
	Amount Coushatta plantation		32 87
	Settled by note, January 11th, 1862		$418 56

(Signed) W. M. SENTELL & CO.

Amount due by J. B. G. & S. E. Vance $2 00

127. *Dr. S. W. Vance to C. J. Bickham, Dr.*

July	10. To visit to 5 patients & consultation		30 00
	Amount carried over		30 00
638	Amount brought forward		30 00
	July 10. To visit to 5 servants		20 00
July	13. " " 2 "		17 00
"	15. " " " "		17 00
			84 00

Rece'd payment 18th January, 1861, by sight draft on Messrs. Sentell & Prather, New Orleans.

(Signed) SENTELL & PRATHER & C. J. BICKHAM.

128. SHREVEPORT, LA., *January 1st*, 1862.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Walters & Elder:

1861.			
April	26. To 1 hat		4 00
May	4. " 16½ lbs. harness leather, 2*s*		6 19
June	10. " 3 balls shoe thread, 1*s*		38
June	19. " 450 yds. plain linsey, 40c		180 00
"	" " 267½ " twills 4*s*		133 75
"	27. " 3 g. buskins, 2*s*.; 1 coffee mill, 8*s*.; 1 seive, 4*s*		2 25
Aug.	8. " 1 deerskin		3 50
Sept.	3. " 117 lbs. tobacco, Dashiel, 18c		21 06
"	" " 4 prs. brogans, 16*s*.; 1 do., 12*s*.; 2 yds. flannel, 6*s*		12 50
"	4. " 34¾ yds. cotton j'anes, 16c		5 56
"	" " 22 " K'y " 4*s*		11 00
"	" " Turkey red, 2*s*.; 1 hat, 5.00		5 25

"	30.	" 58 prs. russets, 2.00	116 00
Oct.	9.	" 119¼ yds. stripes, 1*s.* 6*d.*; 1 white delaine, 6*s*...	23 11
"	"	" 2 rolls tape, 5c	10 00
"	"	" 50 feet 9 in. 4-ply belting, 70c	35 00
"	"	" 88 lbs. iron, 7½	6 60
"	"	" 1 saddle blanket	1 00
1862.			
Jan.	20.	" 250 yds. netting, 20c	50 00
1861.			
Nov.	27.	" 1 pr. wool gloves	1 00
1862.			
Jan.	10.	" 1 pr. balances	1 00
		Interest on linsey & jeans, 1*s.* 6*d*	13 85
			$632 80

Rece'd note, @ 1 *d. s.*
(Signed) W. & E.
Amount due by J. B. G. & S. E. Vance.

639 $632.80.] SHREVEPORT, *January 20th*, 1862.

One day after date I promise to pay to the order of Walters & Elder six hundred & thirty-two $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars, value received, with 8% interest from 1st inst.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

129. *Invoice of merchandise purchased by Sentell & Prather & shipped per steamer Louis d'Or for account of Dr. S. W. Vance, Buck Hall.*

2 bales hay, 2,350, 140		32 90
2 " ⅞ Osnaburgs, 551, 301, 550, 454, 1,004, 11		110 44
1 pc. color'd j'anes, 14^2, 33		4 79
2 bbls. flour, 6.00		12 00
1 " rice, 265—20, 245, 6		15 70
2 bags coffee, 330, 13		44 55
12 " coarse salt, 85		10 20
1 bbl. lard oil, 43^2, 42^2, 1.00		42 50
190 sacks m. corn, 407^2 B., 62c	252 38	
360 " " " 800^{35} " "	496 40	
		748 78
2 bbls. sugar, 239, 255—494, 8c		41 99
¼ prs. men's d. s. russets, 16.50		88 00
6 " boys'		6 75
1 bbl. apples		3 50
1 box oranges		1 50
1 demijohn, 6*s.*; brandy, 3 galls., @ 8.00		24 75
5 galls. whiskey (demj., 6*s.*), $2.50		13 15
1 wicker wagon		5 00
1 I. r. doll		2 00
1 china "		2 50
1 fiddle, 12*s.*; 1 harmonia, 4*s*		2 00
Drayage		19 25

Insurance & commission	54 52
	$1,286 77

NEW ORLEANS, *Feb. 18th*, '61.

640 V. 130. BUCK HALL, *January 21st*, 1861.

Mr. S. W. Vance to steamer Louis d'Or.

To freight on 11 boxes merch'dze, 6*s*	1 20
" " " 1 " axes, 4*s*.; 15 kegs nails, 7.50	8 00
" " " 2 bbls. I. potatoes, 10*s*.; 1 grindstone, 6*s*.	2 75
" " " 1 roll leather	1 00
" " " 16 bars flat iron; 3 brs. r'd iron	13 78
" " " 1 " square " 1 " h. s. "	
" " " 1 " nail rod; 1 " hoop "	
" " " 4 slats iron; 3 bars r'd "	
" " " 1 bar steel, 2756, 4*s*	
	$26 73

131. *Invoice of merchandize purchased by Sentell & Prather, and shipped pr. str. Louis D'Or for % of S. W. Vance & Miss Mattie G. Gilmer.*

2 bbls. Irish potatoes, 2.40	4 80
Drayage	25
Insurance, 1¾ % on $11	11
Commission, 2½	12
	5 28

Charged M. G. Gilmer 2.64; S. W. Vance, 2.64.

NEW ORLEANS, *January 11th*, 1862.

132. SHREVEPORT, *January 1st*, 1862.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Ball & Dashiell:

Jan. 11. 1 lb. blue mass, 2.00; 2 galls. turpentine, 2.00	4 00
" " 6 oz. quinine, 12.00; 1½ " No. 6, $2.00	14 00
" " 2 lbs. assafœtida, 1.00; 1 lb. lampblack, 2*s*	1 25
" " 2 doz. vermifuge, 2.00; 1 doz. seed, 1.00	3 00
" " 2 bots. liverwort*h* & tar, 2.00; 1 tooth-brush, 4*s*.	2 50
" 18. ½ doz. garden seeds, 4*s*.; 1 bot. olive oil	1 50
" 26. 4 oz. tinct. guaiac, 2*s*.; 4 oz. fluid ex. ergot, 6*s*.	1 00
" " 1 pt. sp't camphor, 6*s*.; (24) 2 papers seed, 20c	95
Mch. 2. 1 hair-brush, 2.75; 1 dressing comb, 1.00	3 75

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March 18. To sugar lead, 4*s*.; (30), 2 lbs. copperas, 20	70
April 13. " 2 tubes paint, 4*s*.; 1 bot. hair oil, 1.25	1 75

"	"	"	1 bot. liniment, 6*s.*; cosmetic, 4*s*.....	1 25
"	23.	"	2 gall's castor oil, 3.50; 2 ℔s. soda, 4*s*.....	4 00
"	"	"	1 plantation book, 3.50; 1 bot. es. peppermint, 1.00.....	4 50
"	"	"	102 ℔s. tobacco, 15.30; 40 ℔s. candles, $10....	25 30
"	"	"	1 bot. liverwort*h* & tar, 1.00; (20) 1 doz. b. same, 4*s*.....	1 50
"	26.	"	2 " snuff, 4*s.*; (May 4th) 2 gall. brandy, $20....	20 50
May	10.	"	2 " cod-l. oil, 2.00; 2 do. liverworth, tar, 2.00..	4 00
"	"	"	2 oz. Fowler solution, 2*s.*; 1 ℥ hypo'p. lime, 1.00.....	1 25
"	17.	"	1 " hypoph. soda, 2*s.*; 2 ℔s. copperas, 20c...	45
"	"	"	2 packages stamps & envelopes	1 60
"	"	"	1 ℔. candy, 4*s.*; 1 ℔. calomel, 2.00.....	2 50
"	25.	"	1 qt. pt. aux soine, 1.50; 6 boxes mustard, 2.50	4 00
"	"	"	1 bot. ink, 4*s.*; 1 can, 4*s.*; 2 galls. linseed oil, 3.00.....	4 00
"	"	"	1 demijohn, 4*s.*; 1 gal. cologne, 5.00.....	5 50
June	10.	"	Toilet soap, 2.50; ½ ℔. cloves, 38; ½ spice, 2*s*...	3 13
"	"	"	¼ mace, 4*s.*; ½ ℔. cin'amon, 4*s.*; 1 ℔. mustard, 4*s*.....	1 50
"	"	"	3 ℔s. black pepper, 6*s.*; 1 I. r. syringe, 1.00...	1 75
"	"	"	steel pens, 38; (27) 5 galls. whiskey, 3.75.....	4 12
"	27.	"	5 ℔s. copperas, 4*s.*; ½ doz. fruit cans, 2.00.....	2 50
"	"	"	1 gal. vinegar, & demijohn.....	1 25
"	"	"	1 ℔. soda, 2*s.*; 1 ℔. pepper, 2*s*.....	50
July	5.	"	2 vials Lubin's extract, 2.00; 1 do. bergamot, 2*s*.	2 25
"	10.	"	1 ℔. cayenne pepper, 6*s.*; 1 ℔. gro. ginger, 2*s*...	1 00
"	"	"	¼ ℔. ipecac, 6*s.*; 1 ℔. soda, 2*s.*; 1 ℔. sp. nitre, 6*s*...	1 75
Aug.	8.	"	1 qr. letter paper, 4*s.*; 2 bots. snuff, 4*s*.....	1 00
"	"	"	1 p'k'ge envelopes, 2*s.*; 1 doz. marbles, 4*s*.	75
"	"	"	2 ℔s. ipecac, 9.00; 1 ℔. No. 6, 6*s*.....	9 75
Sept.	3.	"	5 ℔s. black lead, 1.00; 1 box marbles, 6*s*.....	1 75
"	20.	"	4 oz. quinine, 24.00; 1 box Gray's dint., 4*s*....	24 50
		"	" " 2 1st readers, 4*s.*; 2 spelling books, 20c...	70
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	Sept.	30.	To ½ oz. ex. of hyaciamus, 2*s.*; 3½ ℥ ex. butternux, 4*s*.....	75
"	"	"	1 bot. Tarrent's apperient, 1.00; 1 lantern, 2.00..	3 00
"	"	"	1 lantern (Dan's).....	2 50
Oct.	1.	"	2 galls. castor oil.....	6 00
"	"	"	1 bot. sweet oil, 6*s.*; 1 bot. paregoric, 8*s*.....	1 75
"	"	"	1 doz. mustard, 5.00; (9) 1 tooth-brush, 4*s*....	5 50
"	11.	"	1 gall. linseed oil, 2.50; 4 ℔s. black lead, 1.00..	3 50
"	16.	"	1 roll isinglass & splater, 12*s.*; 1 bl'k-brush, 4*s*...	2 00
Nov.	9.	"	5 ℔s. starch, 10*s.*; (20) 1 bot. prophylastic, 4*s*...	1 75
"	27.	"	5 c. fish hooks, 5.00; 2 doz. hooks, 1.00.....	6 00
"	"	"	1 doz. fish lines, 4*s.*; 2 silk lines, 6*s*.....	1 25
"	"	"	½ " floats, 6*s.*; 1 bot. sarsaparilla, 8*s*.....	1 75
Dec.	5.	"	1 bot. chloroform liniment.....	1 00
"	10.	"	6 oz. indigo, 1.00; 2 botts. snuff, 6*s*.....	1 75

Aug. 26.	" cash paid Col. Battle	3 50
		217 96
	Amount account for Plaindealing	87 90
		305 86
	Amount due by minors	$157 10

(Signed) BALL & DASHIELL.

$305.86.] SHREVEPORT, *February 8th*, 1862.

One day after date I promise to pay the order of Ball & Dashiell three hundred and five & $\frac{86}{100}$ dollars, value received, payable at Shreveport, with eight per cent. interest from January 1st, 1862.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor*.

133. S. W. Vance, bought of estate of N. A. Cooper:

May	24.	1 sorrel mule, John	240 00
"	"	1 " " Dave	330 00
"	"	1 black " Jack	355 00
		Amount carried forward	925 00

643		Amount brought forward	925 00
	May	24. 1 yoke oxen, Spot & Red	110 00
"	"	1 " " Judge & Logan	107 00
"	"	1 red steer	25 00
"	"	2 steers, Red & Dunn	30 00
"	"	2 " White & Yellow	25 00
"	"	1 tan vat, 1st choice	30 00
"	"	1 hand axe	9 00
"	"	1 " saw	17 50
"	"	1 spade	5 00
"	25.	1 long-handle spade	5 00
			$1,288 50

Bought for Buck Hall plantation at the time of purchase, belonging to my two children, J. B. G. & Sarah E. Vance.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor*.

134. $675.00.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Jan. 10th*, '62.

One day after date I promise to pay to Martha G. Gilmer, or bearer, the sum of six hundred and seventy-five dollars for value received (the above amount being for mules purchased, which she inherited from the estate of P. R. Gilmer, dece'd), bearing 8% interest from date.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor*.

This note was given for mules bought for Buck Hall plantation, and appraised by J. W. Vance, R. Y. Graves, & Wm. Haynes, which said Martha G. Gilmer inherited from estate of P. R. Gilmer, dec'd.

135. *Invoice of merch'ze purchased by Sentell & Prather and shipped p'r st'r Eleanor for ⅌ of S. W. Vance.*

25 bbls. cement, @ 1.75		43 75
Amount c. forward		43 75
644 Amount brought forward		43 75
2 pi'cs brown musquito netting, 228½, @ 11½		26 28
4 pi'cs cotton lining, 158⅓, @ 5		8 73
60 bbls. mess pork, 18.00		1,080 00
30 rolls bagging, 3,000, 11		330 00
30 coils rope, 4,005, 8½		340 00
6 bbls. molasses, 45, 45, 45, 45, 45, 47, 272 gall's, 24		65 28
Drayage		9 70
Insurance on $2,094, @ 1¾		36 65
Commission, @ 2½		47 60
		1,988 41

NEW ORLEANS, *March 23d*, 1861.

136. *Minors, heirs of Mary B. Vance, to S. W. Vance, tutor, Dr.*

1863.		
Jan. 7. Paid for wool for Buck Hall		46 25
" 10. Cash for medicine		25 00
" 28. Robertson & Kimble for iron axle		253 00
Apr. 1. Calomel & blue mass		45 00
" 14. 2 prs. cotton cards		75 00
May 14. 250 lbs. wool for Buck Hall		312 00
" 20. Isaac Murrell, for surveying		50 00
1862.		
Dec. 6. For medicine		10 00
" 20. R. B. Patterson, for beeves		297 00
1863.		
Jan. 17. 2 prs. cotton cards		50 00
		1,159 35

137. *Samuel W. Vance to J. M. Kinney, jailor, Dr.*

To board & lodging negro boy, David, from the 18th of May to 10th of July, 1863, inclusive, 54 days, at seventy-five cents per day		40 50
Fees turnkey		2 00
Justice' fees		2 00
Printer's fees		12 50
Taking up		25 00
		82 00
645 Amount brought forward		82 00

Rece'd payment of Wm. Haynes.

(Signed) J. McKINNY, *Jailor.*

138. $604.59.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *June 8th*, 1864.

Received from S. W. Vance six hundred and four & $\frac{59}{100}$ dollars in full for parish taxes.

(Signed) PH. ALDEN,
Sheriff & Collector.

139. Received, Buck Hall 23d Feb., 1863, from S. W. Vance, tutor, sixty-four & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, for disbursement made by me on Buck Hall plantation.

(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

140. SHREVEPORT, *January 5th*, 1864.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Ball & Dashiell:

1863.			
Jan.	9.	¼ citron ointment	2 00
"	"	1 ℔. glycerin'	6 00
"	"	Px. 9127 & 9128	5 00
"	28.	1 ℔. whiting	25
Feb.	14.	℥ii sulp. morph	20 00
"	16.	1 oz. ex. conii	50
"	"	Aloes	25
"	"	½ ℔. bicarb	1 50
"	20.	Elixir opium	2 00
M'ch	12.	1 book on country houses	3 00
"	18.	Ref. 8932, twice	5 00
"	27.	Px. 9972	3 50
Apr.	10.	1 syringe	4 50
"	14.	1 ℔. jalap	4 00
May	7.	1 oz. tinct. henbane	50
"	9.	2 oz. chloroform	4 00
July	2.	1 oz. quinine	30 00
"	"	2 oz. tinct. of valerian	1 50
	Oct.	17. 1 oz. ext. canabis In	10 00
646		Amount brought forward	103 50
	June	28. Paid freight on a box	6 50
Sept.	24.	100 ℔s. flour	40 00
			$150 00
1864.			
Jan.	28.	1 oz. quinine	100 00
"	"	4 oz. tinct. iron	12 00
"	"	1 qt. sirup scillos	25 00
			287 00
Amount due by J. B. & S. E. Vance			167 00

Rece'd payment.

(Signed) BALL & DASHIELL,
Per L. W. WOLFF.

141. *Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor, to M. P. Long, recorder, Dr.*

To certified copy of petition in succession of G. E. Gilmer, deceased... 20 00
Received payment in full April 18th, '64.
(Signed) M. P. LONG,
Recorder.

142. Paid Feb. 16th, 1864, two hundred & seventy-five dollars for cotton cards, & fifty-five dollars for medicine, making the sum of three hundred & thirty dollars.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

143. *S. W. Vance to J. W. Vance, Dr.*

Jan. 20th. To salt, salt kettles, & ferriage..... 469 15

Cr.

By amount of corn delivered at foundry..... 160 00
Amount rece'd for work done on telegraph line..... 43 15
Salt bought of Rayburns..... 60 00

Balance due..... 326 00
Aug. 23d. Ferriage..... 2 00

Total amount due..... $328 00
Rece'd payment.
(Signed) J. W. VANCE.

647 144. $750.00.] BUCK HALL, *January 30th*, 1864.
Rece'd this day the sum of seven hundred & fifty dollars from S. W. Vance, being amount due me for my services as overseer on the Buck Hall plantation for last year, 1863.
(Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.

145. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Thos. N. Braden, C'k, Dr.*

Oct. 7. To 3 copies of partition of slaves and other property between heirs..... 5 30
2d of a partition of the land..... 4 10
Partition in suit of M. G. Gilmer et als. vs. S. W. Vance, tutor &c..... 4 50
1862.
Jan. 14. To complete transcript of tutorship of minors J. B. G. & S. E. Vance..... 14 10
" 30. Additional transcript or copies..... 2 50
M'ch 29. Taking and approving tutor's bond..... 1 10
" " Making copy of bond, certificate, & seal..... 1 50
" " Services in taking oath to deed..... 10 00

43 10

Rece'd payment of G. W. Sentell.
January 1st, 1863.
(Signed) TH. N. BRADEN, *Clerk.*

146. DISTRICT OF BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *May 7th*, 1864.

No. 243. Received from S. W. Vance eight hundred & three & $\frac{90}{100}$ dollars, full amount of C. S. tax to the 31st of December, 1863, as per assessment list filed in my office.
$803.90.]

(Signed) J. G. BROWN,
Dist. Collector.

147. $132.00.] OCTOBER 23D, 1863.

Received of S. W. Vance one hundred and thirty dollars, it being the amount due for tanning 20 hides.

(Signed) COOPER & CAVETT,
P'r J. R. CAVETT.

648 *Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor, to Buck Hall plant. shop.*

1863.			
Jan.	10.	To pointing & sharp'ning plows	3 95
"	14.	" laying 14 one-horse plows	10 25
"	"	" " 5 shovels	3 00
"	"	" pointing 6 "	1 20
"	"	" sharp'ning 6 scooters	1 00
"	"	" making one wing to plow	2 00
"	"	" ironing 1 d. tree & 2 single trees	1 25
"	"	" making 1 clevis, 1 hook in log chain	1 25
"	"	" " 2 links & 6 prs. staples	75
"	28.	" " 1 d. tree & 2 single trees	1 50
"	"	" ironing 2 prs. hames	1 00
"	"	" sharp'ning 4 shovels & 3 scooters	1 25
Feb.	6.	" making 8 one-horse plows, 240 lbs	29 75
"	7.	" shoeing 1 horse before	1 00
"	12.	" sharp'ning 11 plows	2 40
"	"	" fixing shovels & spades	1 00
"	17.	" repairing 8 prs. traces	1 00
"	28.	" " 1 plow	25
"	"	" handling 1 spade & 2 shovels	1 50
"	"	" splicing 1 bolt	50
M'ch	4.	" laying 2 plows	1 50
"	"	" mending 2 clevises, 6 prs. staples	1 00
"	21.	" sharp'ning 1 plow	20
"	"	" making 14 prs. staples	1 00
"	27.	" " one link	2 00
"	"	" sharpening 1 scooter	25
"	"	" upsetting 2 hub bolts	20
May	2.	" pointing 2 plows	1 50
"	"	" sharp'ning 2 "	40
"	"	" mending 2 clevises	50
"	10.	" sharpening 12 sweeps	2 00
		" 16. " " 14 "	2 75

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May	16.	To shoeing 1 horse before	1 50
"	"	" making 2 links in chain	25

"	21.	" sharpening 25 plows	5 20
"	"	" making irons for 2 cradles	5 00
June	1.	" repairing wagon	12 00
"	"	" laying 1 plow	75
"	16.	" sharpening 1 "	25
"	"	" laying 2 "	2 25
"	"	" pointing 5	3 50
"	"	" sharpening 10 "	2 00
"	"	" shoeing 1 horse	2 00
"	"	" 1 water bucket	3 00
"	26	" splicing 3 bolts & lap rings	2 00
July	8.	" repairing wagon	10 00
"	23.	" repairing corn sheller	10 00
"	"	" cutting threads on bolt	50
"	"	" making pr. bridle-bits	5 00
Aug.	3.	" repairing buggy	5 00
"	23.	" " wagon	25 00
"	26.	" " 4 augers	1 00
"	"	" " 2 bridle-bits	2 00
"	"	" 1 doz. nails	50
"	"	" making 1 linch-pin	25
Sept.	8.	" ironing 2 wagon beds	30 00
"	"	" shrinking tire on wagon	2 00
"	15.	" repairing 2-horse wagon	35 00
		Settled Oct. 10, '63.	230 07

(Signed) P. V. O'NEIL.

SHREVEPORT, LA., *Aug. 24th*, 1862.

149. *Dr. Whit. Vance to W. Rose, Dr.*

1862.			
Apr.	29.	To 3 prs. cards, @ $35	105 00
650		Amount brought forward	105 00
April	24th.	To three wheels, @ $10	30 00
May	27.	" repairing wagon	25 00
		Rece'd payment May 29th, 1863.	160 00

(Signed) W. ROSE.

150. $35.30] SHREVEPORT, *June 10th*, '62.

One day after date I promise to pay to the order of G. M. Nicholas & Co. thirty-five & $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars for value received, negotiable & payable without defalcation or discount, and with interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum from Jan. 1st, 1862, until paid.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

151. $303.46] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Oct. 16th*, 1861.

Received from S. W. Vance, for self & children, three hundred & three

& $\frac{46}{100}$ dollars, in full for State, parish, school & internal improvements tax due for the year A. D. 1860.

(Signed) PH. ALDEN,
Sheriff & Tax Collector.

Amount due by minors..... $261 46

152. SHREVEPORT, LA., *January 20th*, 1862.

Dr. Vance to E. & B. Jacobs, Dr.

1861.		
Nov. 30.	To 6 pieces Lowels, 195, 23½.....	45 86
" "	" 1 sack flour.....	5 00
" "	" 1 keg nails.....	12 00
" "	" 25 head of beef cattle, 559 lbs., 13,975 lbs.....	455 90
		$621 83

Rec'ed payment by his note dated Nov. 30th, 1861, at one day after date, in full for above.

(Signed) E. & B. JACOBS,
P'r BERNARD.

$621.83] SHREVEPORT, *Nov. 30th*, 1861.

651 One day after date I promise to pay to the order of E. & B. Jacobs six hundred & twenty-one $\frac{83}{100}$ d'll's, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, from date until paid. Value received.

(Sig'd) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

This is the sum annexed to each servant's name of moneys paid to them for their services & good behavior during the year 1860:

1. Primus	$10		38. Sol. L.	4	
2. Granville	5		39. Peachy	3	
3. Hannah	5		40. Celia W.	3	
4. Frank	10		41. Bob C.	5	
5. Emily	5		42. Margaret	4	
6. B. Solomon	5		43. Willis G.	2	50
7. Pinckney	4		44. O. Tom	5	
8. Amos	3		45. Giles	6	
9. B. Jeff	5		46. Emeline	5	
10. Martha	5		47. L. Dick	6	
11. Lavinia	5		48. L. Jeff	4	
12. Henry H.	5		49. B. Jim	5	
13. Rose	5		50. Jane	4	50
14. Francis	2	50	51. M. Charley	6	
15. July	6		52. Aleck. Slick	5	
16. Dave	5		53. L. Alleck	5	
17. Harriet	5		54. Jessy	5	
18. John B.	5		55. Dolly	5	
19. Julia	5		56. L. John	3	
20. W. Rhoubin	11		57. Daniel	6	

21.	Marshall H	5	58.	Reuben	4 50
22.	Cain	4	59.	Betsy	4
23.	Minna	4	60.	Isam	7
24.	Collins	4	61.	Chancy	3
25.	Bill	3	62.	B. Dick	5
26.	Tom B	6	63.	Vina Dick	5
27.	Sleek W	5	64.	Laura	2
28.	Vina W	5	65.	Suzannah	5
29.	L. Charley	5	66.	Frank	2
30.	Henrietta	4	67.	Rose	6
31.	Ben	5	68.	Old Tom	7
32.	Rachel	5	69.	Big Sal	1 50
33.	L. Tom	3	70.	Bob Jenkins	1
34.	Steven	3	71.	John Barnett	1
35.	Winny	3	72.	Wash	3
36.	Wash	5	73.	Big Jeff	50
37.	B. Mariah	8	74.	Ike, b'ksmith	5

Total amount given them 312 00

Amount carried forward.

652 Amount brought forward..... 312 00

This amount was paid out on Sunday morning, 21st day of April, 1861, by myself, having been ordered from New Orleans of Sentell & Prather, and charged in their account as specie. The sum of three hundred and twenty-seven dollars in April, 1861. Amount due by J. B. G. & S. E. Vance, $234.00.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

154. Invoice of merch'ze purchased by Sentell & Prather & shipped per str. Louis d'Or, for % of S. W. Vance:

1 bale hay, 290, 1.40	4 06
1 sack oats, 140, 4.12b., 45c	1 96
Drayage	50
Insurance on 7 @ 1¾	12
Commission, 2½ %	16
	$6 80

NEW ORLEANS, *Apr. 10th*, 1861.

155. Invoice of mer'd'ze purchased by Sentell & Prather, shipped p'r steamer Louis d'Or, for % S. W. Vance:

1 bbl. H. G. flour	9 00
1 " crush. sugar, 235, 10	23 50
1 t'ce Duff'd hams, 319, 13½	43 06
1 box soda crackers	2 50
2 large sponge bath tubs, 5.50	11 00
Drayage	50
Insurance on 102 @ 1¾ %	1 77
Commission 2½ %	2 33
	97 16

NEW ORLEANS, *Apr. 10th*, 1861.

156. S. W. Vance, tutor, bought of J. W. Vance:

Aug. 30. 556 yds. Lowells, @ 35c..... $194 60

Rece'd payment in full Aug. 20th, '62.

(Signed) J. W. VANCE.

653 157. SHREVEPORT, LA., *April 28th*, 1862.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of S. W. S. Culp:

1 S. & J. saw.....	3 00
1 steel square.....	1 50
1 mason's trowel.....	1 50
1 shingle-knife.....	1 50
	7 50

Paid.

(Signed) S. W. S. CULP,
P'r DREYFUS.

158. NEW ORLEANS, *January 16th*, 1860.

Messrs. Farley, Jurey & Co. bought of C. H. Slocom & Co., Miss M. Gilmer:

1 sledge hammer, 14 ℔s., @ 10c.....	1 40
12 prs. traces, 55.....	6 60
1½ doz. blind bridles, 10.50.....	15 75
1½ " oval eye cotton hoes, 6.25.....	9 38
15 ℔s. borax, 35c.....	5 25
½ doz. large c. s. files, 8.50.....	4 25
3 horse rasp, 65.....	1 95
1 b'dle blister steel, 100 ℔s., @ 6c.....	6 00
1 sheet iron, 46, @ 6½.....	2 99
1 " boiler, ¼ inch, 204, @ 6c.....	12 84
5 bars square iron, 1 inch, 255, @ 3¼.....	8 93
1 b'dle r. nail rods, 25, @ 7.....	1 75
1 " r. iron, ⅜, 56, @ 5c.....	2 80
1 " " " ¼, 56, @ 5½.....	3 08
1 " h. s. " ¾x⅜, 112, @ 5½.....	6 16
1 " ref'd " 1x½, 112, @ 5½.....	6 16
5 bars rolled " 2⅓x¾ 4 " band " 1½x¼ 4 " " " 2½x¼ 2 " " " 4x¼ } 790, @ 3½.....	27 65
Carried forward.	
654 Continued from page 653.	
5 slabs seive, 11x⅜, 710 ℔s., @ 6c.....	42 60
5 bars " 1¾x¾, 342, @ 5c.....	17 10
5 " " ½x¾ 5 " " 2x¾ } 822, @ 5c.....	41 10
Pack. & drayage.....	3 00

Dr. S. W. Vance:

¼ doz. large c. s. files, 8.50.....	2 13

2 horse rasp, 65	1 30
10 lbs. borax, 35c	3 50
2 doz. oval eye cotton hoes, 6.25	12 50
2 " blind bridles, 10.50	21 00
1 " Collin's axes	12 00
24 prs. traces, 6 f't, 55	13 20
1 bar c. s. iron, $\frac{1}{2}$x$\frac{3}{4}$, 39, 16c	6 24
1 sheet h'm boiler, $\frac{1}{4}$, 235, 6	14 10
2 bars rolled iron, $2\frac{1}{2}$x$\frac{3}{4}$, 184 lbs., @ $3\frac{1}{2}$	6 44
1 b'dle ref'd nail rod, 25, 7	1 75
1 " tem. iron, 1x$\frac{3}{4}$, 126, $6\frac{1}{2}$	8 19
1 " h. shoe " $\frac{3}{4}$x$\frac{3}{8}$, 112, $5\frac{1}{2}$	6 16
1 " round " $\frac{3}{8}$, 56, $4\frac{1}{2}$	2 52
10 bars " " $\frac{3}{4}$, 232, $3\frac{1}{2}$	8 12
5 " square " 1 in., 253, $3\frac{1}{2}$	8 85
2 slabs seiv' " 11x$\frac{3}{8}$, 280, 6	16 80
2 bars " " $1\frac{1}{3}$x$\frac{3}{4}$, 140, 5	7 00
1 " " " 2x$\frac{3}{4}$ / 3 " " " $2\frac{1}{2}$x$\frac{3}{4}$ } 348, @ 5c	17 40
Pack. & drayage	1 25
	$398 99

A. *Dr. S. W. Vance in % current with Farley, Jurey & Co., Dr.*

1859.					
Decem.	8.	To cash paid draft to G. Williamson			511 19
1860.					
Jan.	7.	"	"	" McEntire for photographs	300 00
"	18.	"	"	" d'ft Murray, Hick & Cashielled	1,560 00

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1860.					
Jan.	20th.	To expenses on goods from N. Y., forw'd			11 50
"	16	"	invoice of sundries rendered		362 84
"	24.	"	cash paid draft to Ball & Dashiell		156 86
"	"	"	" " " Childers & Beard		191 48
"	"	"	charges to express company		10 00
Feb.	2.	"	invoice sundries rendered		235 46
"	"	"	steamer Lecompte, freight bill		23 52
"	15.	"	McIntyre, balance due him		4 00
"	24.	"	cash paid draft to Ph. Alden		67 00
"	28.	"	silver money remitted pr. str. Lecompte		350 00
"	29.	"	paid up freight p'r (Ceris)		17 55
Mch.	1.	"	insurance on money p'r Lecompte		3 06
"	6.	"	cash paid John, by order		100 00
"	14.	"	remitted per draft of H. W. Sentell		5 50
"	19.	"	cash paid draft favor Cassius Leigh		150 00
"	28.	"	" " " A. Haden		35 50
"	"	"	invoice pork rendered		377 23
"	"	"	paid W. W. Crane & Co., for buggy		325 00
"	"	"	" Converse Co., whiskey, brandy, &c		58 25
Apr.	9.	"	invoice of sundries rendered		1,533 23

"	"	"	paid up freight p'r Lecompte	20 00
"	10.	"	Wood, Miltenberger & Co., iron railing	525 50
"	"	"	paid up freight on buggy	5 00
"	30.	"	" str. Lecompte, freight bill	155 88
May	19.	"	interest in our favor	1 83
			Balance due you	1,314 53
				$8,955 91
			Balance due you	$1,314 53

CREDIT.

Feb.	2.	By nett proceeds of 60 bales cotton		$2,856 39
"	13.	" " " 50 " "		2,030 90
		Amount carried forward		$4,887 29
656		Amount brought forward		4,887 89
	Mch.	12. By check on Hawkins & Norwood		466 48
"	27.	By net proceeds 47 bales cotton		1,741 01
May	12.	" " " 102 " "		1,771 71
"	17.	" " " 2 " "		89 42
				$8,955 91
		Amount due you		1,314 53
		From A. P. Donovan		2,067 19
				$3,381 72

New Orleans, May 19th, '60.
(Signed) FARLEY, JUREY & CO.

C. *Dr. S. W. Vance in % with Sentell & Prather.*

1860.				
Decem.	11.	To merch'se as p'r invoice		267 85
1861.				
Jan.	2.	" str. Lecompte freight bill		18 75
"	"	" " Countess " "		74 26
"	14.	" G. W. Sentell for sight draft on S. & P.		100 00
"	15.	" merchand'se as per invoice		460 36
"	17.	" your draft, 30 d., favor Ball & Dashiell		257 35
"	26.	" cash paid sight draft favor Sanderson		262 00
"	"	" " " G. W. Sentell, for draft dat'd Jan. 11		248 19
"	29.	" merch'ze as per invoice		313 03
"	31.	" your draft favor Childers & Beard, 15 d. s.		865 58
"	"	" str. Louis d'Or, freight bill		10 50
"	"	" draft favor W. G. Hatcher		82 50
"	"	" cash paid you on %		600 00
Feb.	4.	" " " " draft favor C. J. Bickham		74 00
"	"	" " " " " Overby & Ratliff		99 50
"	9.	" " " " " K. P. D. Taylor		49 56
"	11.	" " " " " Ph. Alden		88 70
"	"	" cash handed you		200 00

"	"	"	" paid bill Francis Fabre	87 00
"	"	"	balance due H. K. Carter & Co	1,029 82
657			Continued from page 656.	
	Feb.	9.	To merchandise as p'r invoice	484 26
"		12.	" cash. str. Louis d'Or, freight bill	84 25
"		13.	" cash paid your draft to Dr. Philson	130 00
"		15.	" " " " W. Hicox & Co	40 00
"		18.	" merch'd'ze, as per invoice	72 34
"	"	"	" " " " "	1,286 77
"		23.	" your balance to Farley, Jurey & Co	479 97
"	"	"	str, Louis d'Or, freight bill	352 30
M'ch		11.	" draft to N. A. Cooper	289 87
"		16.	" " " Williams & Gray	75 00
"	"	"	sight draft	54 45
"		21.	" Francis Fabre	64 25
"		22.	" draft to B. L. Hodge, less 8 % int., 3.00	246 00
"		23.	" Miss M. G. G., draft in her favor	699 65
"	"	"	merch'd'ze, as per invoice	1,988 41
"		25.	" your draft favor M. Dickson	101 78
"		30.	" insurance undercharged in % sales	60 26
Apr.		3.	" str. Eleanor, freight bill	188 00
"		9.	" amount paid for 4 mules	700 00
"	"	"	paid draft, Neal & Carpenter	35 00
"	"	"	" you in silver	327 00
"		10.	" merch'd'ze, as per invoice	6 80
"		18.	" cash paid up freight	110 01
May		8.	" disc't improperly deducted from your draft, 2.50	3 32
"		20.	" cash paid your draft to Randolph	200 00
"	"	"	Miss M. G. Gilmer, for your note	5,000 00
"	"	"	12 mo's interest on same	400 00
"		23.	" Vance & Gilmer, for their %, your half	217 28
"	"	"	less freight, V. & G	8 63
				$18,895 23

Cr. carried forward.

658 CREDIT.

	1861.			
Feb.	12.	By	nett proceeds 50 bales cotton	2,693 45
M'ch	26.	"	amount Miss M. Gilmer's draft	151 64
"	30.	"	nett proceeds 100 bales cotton	4,736 25
Apr.	5.	"	" 100 " "	3,795 72
"	"	"	" 30 " "	1,199 50
May	5.	"	" 114 " "	5,628 27
"	31.	"	" 5 " "	203 39
"	"	"	balance due Sentell & Prather	487 01
				$18,895 23

Balance due Sentell & Prather $487 01

Let publication of the filing of this account be made by posting notices

hereof in three different public places in the parish, there being no public newspaper published in said parish.

Thus done officially on this 19th day of July, 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk D. C.

(Endorsed:) Filed July 19th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Judgment of homologation.

Clerk's office, 10th district court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

In this cause, by reason of the law and the within account of S. W. Vance, tutor to the minors J. B. G. & Sarah E. Vance, having been advertised for more than thirty clear days without opposition, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said account be homologated & approved, and the same is hereby made the judgment of the court.

This done & signed officially on the first Saturday and 3d day of September, 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

659 (Endorsed:) Filed Sept. 3d, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

(Endorsed:) Filed and marked Q & R, Oct. 25th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Petition, 2d annual account, & vouchers, &c.—Filed in evidence and marked S.

PETITION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR HEIRS OF }
MRS. MARY B. VANCE, DEC'D. }

To the hon. the judge of the 10th judicial distr. court, parish of Bossier, in session:

Your petitioner, of said State & parish respectfully represents that on the 19th day of July, 1864, he filed in your court his first annual account in said succession as natural tutor to his said minor children, in which account he mentioned all the property belonging to his said minor children at the time of filing said account. Your petitioner files this as his second account in said succession as tutor aforesaid, in which he wishes to more fully set forth all the property of whatever kind or species, the use and disposition of each separate succession, coming into his hands for said minor children. He represents that on the 15th day of October, 1859, his first wife, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, formerly Gilmer, departed this life, leaving two children, James B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance. On the 13th day

of January, 1858, a partition of a portion of the estate of James B.
660 Gilmer, deceased, of this parish and State, father of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, deceased, and the grandfather of his said minor children, was made between the heirs at law of said James B. Gilmer, viz, Mrs. Mary B. Vance then wife of your petitioner, and Miss Martha Gilmer, now O'Neil, and Miss Eliza L. Gilmer, the late Mrs. E. L. Graves. In the partition mentioned above, viz, on the 13th day of January, 1858, of the estate of James B. Gilmer, dec'd, Mrs. Mary B. Vance received the following property, viz: First, the lands comprising the Buck Hall plantation, in this parish, east of Red River, containing 935.72 acres, more or less, and that portion of land situated in Caddo Parish, west of Red River, containing 240 acres, more or less, and directly opposite Buck Hall plantation. A portion of the lands belonging to the estate of James B. Gilmer, deceased, remained as yet undivided between the said heirs. For the purpose of effecting a partition of the same a suit was brought, Martha G. Gilmer versus Sam'l W. Vance, tutor et al., No. 1224, in your hon. court, and filed 21st day of May, 1860, and in said partition then made, by experts duly appointed, he shows that his two minor children, viz, James B. G. & Sarah E. Vance, received the following lands, viz: The Coushatta Hill lands & the lands near and adjoining the Christiana plantation, and the two lots containing 1,218 acres, more or less. The tract of hill land known as the Coushatta Bluffs tract, or town lot tract, containing 400 acres, more or less, remains as yet undivided, the parties interested believing
661 it to be advisable to hold said lands in common; that is, the last lot of land, as yet belonging to the succession of James B. Gilmer, deceased, the parties owning the same being the heirs of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dece'd, viz, James B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, and the heirs at law of James B. G. Vance, deceased, being your petitioner, his german sister, Sarah E. Vance, and his half sister and half brother, viz, Mary B. G. & Samuel W. Vance, jr. This represents all the lands in which said minors held an interest in this State. They held an interest in the plantation known as the Barnett lands, in Lafayette County, Arkansas, and which he will hereafter mention, and for which he has already accounted in 1st account, filed 19th July, 1864, for the sale and proceeds of the same. The lands in Caddo Parish and elsewhere, not mentioned herein, belonging to the estate of James B. Gilmer, dece'd, in the above partition, was awarded to Mrs. Martha G. Gilmer, now O'Neil, and to Miss Eliza L. Gilmer, late Mrs. Eliza L. Graves, of which the partition at that time of the same will more fully show by reference thereto. The lands herein mentioned does not include that portion situated in Caddo Parish, opposite the Buck Hall plantation, and which was awarded to Mrs. Mary B. Vance, deceased, in the first partition of lands of the estate of James B. Gilmer, deceased. Your petitioner now proceeds to show the slaves, mules, cattle, hogs, and other articles inventoried in the succession of Mrs. Mary B. Vance,
662 deceased, and the disposition he has made of the same, viz: Slaves from the succession of her father, James B. Gilmer, dece'd, viz, Granville, Hannah, her individual property, given to her by her grandfather, Peachy R. Gilmer, of the city of Montgomery, Alabama, and Ridgeway, child of said Granville & Hannah; Little Jeff, Carpenter Frank, Emily, Ally, Suzannah, William, Solomon, Sallie, Francis, Henry Harrison, Rose, Dave Crockett, Aleck White, Little Charley, Henrietta, Will-

ia n, Sophy, Milton, Ben, Rachel, Steven, Tom, Winny, Henry Rucker, Little Ben, Aleck Stick, Anne, Little Aleck, Agnes, Wash, Maria, Little Sol, Paul, Little Wash, Rosin, Bob, Jenkins, Margaret, Willis, Old Tom, Sallie, Little Dick, Henry, Big Jim, Jane, Major Charley, Jessie, Dolly, Primus, Jones, Elizabeth, Ruben, Betsy, Lavinia, Big Dick, Vina, Laura, Little Charley, Pemperton, making 63 slaves in all in said inventory, all of which was worked on the said Buck *Buck* Hall plantation up to the time of the partition of the property between the minors James B. G. Vance, deceased, and Sarah E. Vance, said property being worked in common and for the interest of both minors. Of the above mentioned slaves the following died, viz: Allie died in 1860; William died in 1860; Sally in 1860; Henrietta died in 1861; Milton died in 1861; Winnie died in 1866, after being freed; Anne died in 1860; Laura died in 1862. The mules, which was separate property of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd, viz: Old John, Bet, Milda, Tom, Rock, Hannah, Bill Norman, Jane, Jim Dillard, Prince, Sam,
Nelly, Pat, Manda, and bay horse Whit, all of which are now dead,
663 with the exception of the following named: Mike, Rock, Jim
Dillard, Prince, & Fly; the bay horse Whit is also dead, and all of which belonging, as aforesaid, to said succession, was worked on the Buck Hall plantation for the use of said minors. The new Bois d'Arc wagon, with the old one with mule cart, was claimed and used on said plantation. The carriage mentioned in said inventory, and appraised at three hundred dollars, and left by said experts for the use of said minors, was ruined by a storm blowing the carriage house down on it, in the month of June, 1861, so it was never used thereafter. The community property existing between your petitioner & wife, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, deceased, at the time of her death and which was indicated in said inventory, as follows: Land. The one-third of nine hundred & twenty acres, more or less, owned in common between your petitioner and first wife, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, Dr. J. W. Vance, and Miss Martha G. Gilmer, now O'Neil, and the following slaves, viz: Reuben, Maria Hand, Harriet, Chancy, Pinkney, Amos, Little Jim, Daniels, Big Jeff, Martha, Jerry, Julia, Enoch, Toney, Charlotte, Bella & Little John, making 18 slaves in No., all of which was community. Of the above-named slaves the following have died, viz: Pinkney, who died in 1865; Jim Little died in 1860; Jerry died in 1860; Charlotte died in 1860; Bella died in 1860. And the following mules was community, viz: Mary, Dileo, Pete, Bully, Puss,
Mouse, Pink, Lucy, Queen, Milly, Rock, and Logan, making 12
664 in No., and valued at 150 each: Total, 12 mules, $1,800.00. And
the following mules, Charlotte, Polly, Sally, Quincy, Red Bird, Coley, Kit, Jinny, making 8 in No., valued at $195 each, from the sum of $1,560.00, in the first lot of twelve, are dead. The stallion, Hedgeford, appraised at $300 in said appraisement, and which I sold for $400, and accounted to the minors for the one half of the same $200, in my first account, filed 19th July, 1864. The 36 head of cattle valued at $5 p'r head; the 52 head of hogs valued at $2.00 p'r head; 3,500 bushels of corn, valued at 6s. (six bits) p'r bushel; the 10 stacks of fodder valued at $6.00 p'r stack; plantation tools, valued at $400; one Bois d'Arc wagon at $180.00. The house and kitchen furniture was not included in your petitioner's first account, filed 19th July, 1864, nor will not be in this second account, as it was recommended by the experts appointed in said

partition to retain the same for the mutual interest of your petitioner and children, said minors, with himself, parties then interested, and since the death of the oldest, viz: James B. G. Vance, his half sister, Mary B. G. Vance, and half brother, Samuel W. Vance, jr., as also interested, so far as their separate and legal interest in said furniture of household, kitchen, &c.; and the same is still held in common for the mutual interest of the parties heretofore named, the said furniture, &c., being appraised in the 1st inventory of Mrs. M. B. Vance, deceased, on the 24th day of February, 1860, by Rob't L. Gilmer & Elias O'Neil, experts appointed by your honorable court, at the price of $750. In the inventory taken at first, on the 24th day of February, 1860, the
665 570 bales of cotton, as more or less being community property between your petitioner and his first wife, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd, was sold, as heretofore stated, and accounted for in his first account, filed 19th July, 1864; also the stallion Hedgeford. Your petitioner represents that, not including the household & kitchen furniture, the 570 bales of cotton, and the stallion Hedgeford, and for which he has already accounted, that there remains as yet, or did exist, a community interest between himself and minors, as specified in said inventory, as heretofore mentioned, in the sum of $7,552.32, and of which your petitioner is one-half owner of the same. He further represents that on the 6th day of May, 1860, he petitioned to your honorable court to convene a family meeting, composed of the nearest relatives and friends of said minors, for the purpose of adjudicating certain property held in common between your petitioner and his said minor children, a part to himself and a part to the said minors. He further shows that on the 18th day of May, 1860, a family meeting was held at his residence, Buck Hall, in this parish, and at that said meeting, composed of the nearest relatives and friends of his minor children, viz: J. W. Vance, Joseph P. Vance, Rufus Y. Graves, Jacob Irvin, & A. L. Chapman; and that the under tutor to said minors, viz, G. E. Gilmer, was present at said meeting, and that said family meeting, with the under tutor, did recommend that the following property, viz: Slaves, Reuben,
666 Maria Hand, Harriet, Chancy, Pinkney, Amos, Sam, Daniel, Big Jeff, Martha, Julia, Jerry, Enoch, Tony, Charlotte and her infant, Bella, and Little John, making 18 slaves in No., of which the following died, viz: Pinkney, in the year 1865; Jerry died in 1860, Charlotte and her infant both died in 1860, and the following mules, viz: Mary, Dice, Pete, Bully, Mouse, Pink, Lucy, Queen, Milly, Rock, and Suzann, making 12 mules in No., should be adjudicated to your petitioner. And that the following property, viz: In mules, Charlotte, Polly, Sally, Gince, Red Bird, Coly, Kit, Jenny, being 8 mules in No. The 36 head of cattle, the 52 head of hogs, the 3,500 bushels of corn, 10 stacks of fodder, plantation tools, 1 Bois d'Arc wagon, with the 306.66 acres of land, and held in common with your petitioner and wife, and being the one-third of the nine hundred and twenty acres in hills, held in common with Dr. S. W. Vance & Miss Martha G. Gilmer, now O'Neil, and all of which has been heretofore mentioned; and that all of the last described should be adjudicated to his two minor children. He shows that after said family meeting, with their recommendations, that there never was any further action, nor no judgment, &c., rendered in said cause, by your honorable court, in said adjudication between your petitioner and his said minors, and all of which, not being

made the judgment of your honorable court in said adjudication between your petitioner and his said minors, is null & void, and not of legal force.

667 He states that after the recommendation of said family meeting, that on the first day of January, 1861, he moved the slaves, as heretofore mentioned, 18 in No., and the 12 mules, as part of the community between your petitioner and his first wife, Mrs. M. B. Vance, deceased, from the Buck Hall plant., w'ere said inventory was made, to his Coushatta plantation, in Caddo Parish (your petitioner, individual property) for his use and benefit. And from the recommendation of said family meeting, just mentioned, left on the Buck Hall plantation, individual property of said minors, the mules, eight in number, viz, Charlotte, Polly, Sally, Gincey, Red Bird, Coley, Kit, and Jane, being eight in No., the 30 head of cattle, the 52 head of hogs, the 3,500 bush'ls of corn, the 10 s'acks of fodder, the plantation tools, the new Bois d'Arc wagon, releasing your petitioner's claim, the entire half interest in said community of 306.66 acres, in which property he was one-half owner. Your petitioner here represents that for the one-half of said community left on the Buck Hall plantation, he never received his half from said minor children, and which was not stated in his account, filed 19th July, 1864, believing that at some future time said adjudication and action in said cause would be confirmed. He herewith charges himself with the property assigned to him as a part of said community, viz: The use or hire of said negroes the one-half, for the one-half of the said 12 mules, and charges the said

668 minors with the one-half of the 8 mules, the cattle, hogs, & corn, plantation tools, and the 306.66 acres of land as community for the one-half of each. The community interest, not including the 570 bales of cotton, the stallion Hedgeford, the household and kitchen furniture, as heretofore mentioned, and accounted in his first account filed, amounting to $7,502.33 dollars, and of which one-half is justly due your petitioner; that is, that your petitioner is entitled to, after charging himself with the one-half of 12 mules, $900, and the one-half hire of community negroes, 18 in No., $800, to the sum of $2,061.16, from his said minor children, this being all the property, both individual & community, in this State in which his said minor children were interested, all of which was included in the inventory of the succession of their mother, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dece'd. Your petitioner shows also that his minor children were interested in the plantation in Lafayette County, of Arkansas, known as the Barnett plantation, owned in common by James B. Gilmer, deceased, their grandfather, and James R. McClintock, of said county and State. He states that in the month of February, 1860, the plantation negroes, stock, &c., was divided, the one-half to the estate of James B. Gilmer, dec'd, or his heirs, being then his three daughters, viz, Mrs. Mary B. Vance then dead, first wife of your petitioner and mother of said minor children, Mrs. Eliza L. Graves, formerly Miss Eliza L. Gilmer, and Miss Martha G. Gilmer, now Mrs. O'Neil, they representing his half interest

669 in said estate, viz, James B. Gilmer's half interest. Your petitioner's first wife at that time being dead, his two minor children, James B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, received the share of their mother, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, deceased, in said estate. The said Barnett plantation, with the negroes, mules, &c., were divided into two equal

parts, one to the heirs of James B. Gilmer, deceased, and the other part to James R. McClintock, of the said Lafayette County, State of Arkansas, by experts selected for that purpose by Dr. J. W. Vance, of this parish and State, executor of the last will and testament of James B. Gilmer, deceased, and James R. McClintock, the surviving partner, of said Lafayette County and State of Arkansas, viz, experts being Wiley P. Croyer & Josiah L. Howard, both being residents of said Lafayette County and State of Arkansas. After the division of said plantation, negroes, &c., the half of said negroes and mules, viz, J. B. Gilmer's half, was brought to this parish for partition between the heirs of James B. Gilmer, dec'd, viz, your petitioner's two minor children, James B. G. Vance, then living, and Sarah Eliza Vance, representing their mother's interest, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd, Mrs. Eliza L. Graves, formerly Gilmer, and Miss Martha G. Gilmer, now O'Neil, said property being divided or partitioned into three equal parts by experts appointed or selected, viz, G. W. Sentell, Joshua L. Lewis, and William Haynes, all residents of this parish and State, and in said partition he received, as natural tutor for his
670 minor children, the one-third of said Barnett negroes and mules, in value, that is, the one-third of James B. Gilmer', dec'd, interest, viz, negroes Cain, Minna, Collin, Bill, Frank, Little Emeline, Steve, Ledia, who died in the year 1860, and Ebin, making thirteen slaves in number, and that on the recommendation of Dr. J. W. Vance, executor of James B. Gilmer, deceased, and the experts or commissioners, Wiley P. Croyer & Joshua L. Howard, he bought the man Tom Barnett, who was the son of the man Cain and woman Minna, and the woman Sarah, who was the wife of the man John Barnett, both of which slaves were too sick at the time of partition made in Arkansas to place in either of the two lots then made, and being agreed upon at that time by parties interested that whatever party receiving the family of said slaves as above mentioned should take them at the valuation placed on them by the same experts after their recovery from said sickness, your said petitioner purchased the two slaves above mentioned for his two minor children, making 15 slaves in all from said Barnett plantation, and placed them on the Buck Hall plantation for the use of said minors. He also received the following mules, viz: Bess, Crockett, Pigeon, & Fox, making 4 mules in number, which was also placed on the Buck Hall plantation, of which mules all are now dead, excepting Fox and Pigeon. The cattle, hogs, &c., was sold by the said James R. McClintock, as the surviving partner of Gilmer &
671 & McClintock in said estate and applied to the payment of certain debts then existing against said plantation, which debts were made for the benefit of said plantation, after the partnership existed in same between the said Gilmer & McClintock. Your petitioner here sets forth that the portion of the Barnett plantation being the upper or northern half of said plantation, and which was awarded to the heirs of James B. Gilmer, deceased, was sold by said representatives to Messrs. Sentell & Prather, now of the city of New Orleans, and for the one-third of the same, the proceeds of which he accounted for in his first account, filed 19th July, 1864. This represents in full all the Barnett property he received. The executor (Dr. J. W. Vance) of James B. Gilmer, dec'd, sold the corn belonging to the estate of said Gilmer, dec'd, to Dr. Culbertson, and rented him the half of said Barnett plantation belonging to said

estate for the year 1860, and for which the said Culbertson has never paid anything, there being a note on Milton Foot for $500.00, in which his said minors owned the one-sixth of the same, and which, the two last claims named, cannot be collected. This represents all the Barnett property. He states that in February, 1861, that the great-grandfather of said minors, Peachy R. Gilmer, of the city of Montgomery and State of Alabama, died, leaving an estate in which his said minor children were interested. The said estate was divided between the heirs at law of the said Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, and to which reference is herein
672 made to his last will & testament, made and dated March 31st, 1858.

In accordance with orders from the honorable court of Montgomery County & State of Alabama, a partition of the property of the said Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, was made on the 17th day of December, 1861, by experts appointed by said court in said county and State of Alabama, viz, Samuel L. Arrington, Jason G. Jones, and Samuel H. Cochrane, F. M. Gilmer, jr., & James G. Gilmer, executors of the last will & testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, and that all parties interested in said estate was legally and fully represented in said partition aforesaid. The property that was turned over to your petitioner, as tutor to his two minor children, viz, slaves David, Russel, Jeannette, Charles, Sandy, Malinda, Sam, Peggy, Crawford, Daniel, Margaret, Bill Gilmer, and Gabriel, making 13 slaves in No., all of which, after said partition, he brought to this parish and State, and all of which he placed on the said Buck Hall plantation for the use of his said minor children. The man Dave above mentioned your petitioner sold to E. & B. Jacobs, of Shreveport, this State, in the year 1863, for the sum of $1,800.00, and for which he accounted in his account filed 19th of July, 1864. The man Sam died in the year 1862; Margaret died in 1865; Malinda died in the winter of 1865; Daniel died in 1862; all of which, as heretofore mentioned, was received from the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased.

The following mules also were received from said estate, viz:
673 Fly, Wright, Coley, Jerry, and a bay horse, name not remembered, all of which are dead, excepting Fly, Coley, & Jerry. The following notes also: A note of Mrs. Martha G. Gilmer as principal, and F. M. Gilmer and M. L. Gilmer as securities, for the sum of $9,045.83, which said note was given and executed to your petitioner as tutor to his minor children, J. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, as their one-third interest in their grandmother's estate, or her interest in the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, dec'd, viz: Mrs. E. L. Gilmer, first wife of the said James B. Gilmer, dec'd, and mother of the said minors' mother, being their interest in full of the landed estate of their said great-grandfather' estate, viz, the said Peach R. Gilmer, d'c'd, of Montgomery County, State of Alabama. Your petitioner here states that so soon as he believed it consistent for the interest of his said minor children, after the close of the late civil war between the Confederate and United States, he brought suit on said note, with others, for the payment of the same, and on investigating the effects of the principal and securities on said note, and believing that nothing could be made out of said parties, and he as tutor to his children, & R. Y. Graves as tutor to his minor children, and Patrick V. O'Neil for his wife Martha G. Gilmer, we on our part received the plantation back, for which said notes were given, for the one-half of said plan-

tation by the said Mrs. M. A. Gilmer, the plantation containing 3,422 acres, more or less, the one-sixth of which belonged to his minor
674 children and himself. And that said tract of land was received by your petitioner, R. Y. Graves, & P. V. O'Neil, after consulting their attorneys at law, an examination of mortgages in said court against the said parties, believing that nothing could be made out of the said parties by recourse to law. Your petitioner, the one-third of said tract of land, received for himself & children, when the above was given for the one-sixth of said tract of land. The above tract of land is held in common between the parties above named, and remained as yet undivided, or sold, we, the said parties, not to have possession of said plantation until the 1st day of January, 1868. Note of E. Y. Fair for $1,161.40 *dollars*. Two notes on Thos. Williams, for $666.67 *dollars* each. A note of S. S. Caraway for five hundred dollars. A note of W. J. Fuller and Allen Fuller for $472.12 *dollars*. A note of W. H. Wilkerson for $2,050.00. A note of your petitioner and his first wife, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd, for $6,172.22 *dollars;* for the one-half of the last note he charges himself in this account, the other half being due his minor children; all the above notes bearing interest charged on them at the time he received them, making a difference in the face and amount received on said notes. All the above notes mentioned have been placed in the hands of Watts & Troy, attorneys at law, for collection, of the city of Montgomery, State of Alabama. The following rail-road and other stocks, viz: The Alabama & Florida Rail-
675 road stock for $800; the Montgomery and West Point Railroad stock, $3,500; Montgomery & Eufala Railroad stock, $166.65; the Montgomery Mining and Manufacturing Co., two bonds for $500 each; the Montgomery Insurance Co., for $1,000. The stock, such as cattle, hogs, and sheep, with the cotton on hand, was sold by said executors of Peachy R. Gilmer's last will and testament, viz, F. M. Gilmer, jr., and J. J. Gilmer, and used in payment of certain debts against said succession. This being in full all the property your petitioner received from said succession, and the stocks, bonds, &c., he still has on hand. Your petitioner here represents at the time of the partition of the estate of the said Peachy R. Gilmer, dec'd, that his wife, Mrs. Caroline M. Gilmer, objected to said partition being made on the basis of the will, that she had not received her portion of dower, and claimed the sum of five thousand dollars, and would not allow said partition to proceed. The parties interested, after consultation with separate attorneys, and on examination of said will it was found that she could hold a large portion of said estate her life-time, and a portion of which his said minor children would receive, and which he compromised with the said Mrs. Caroline M. Gilmer for his children, she being their step-grandmother, by paying her the sum of eight hundred and thirty-three & $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars, being the one-sixth of five thousand
676 dollars, the amount she claimed, and their proportion of the same, which the final settlement of the said estate will more fully show.

Your petitioner also shows that in the year 1863 the uncle of his children, George E. Gilmer, of this parish, died, leaving the one-third of his estate to his said minors, with the exception of a donation made in said will to Peachy R. Gilmer, of this parish and State, of thirteen slaves, which by reference to said will and partition of his estate will more fully show. Your petitioner received the following property from said succes-

sion for his minor children, viz: the one-third in value of the Bee Bend plantation, situated in Benoit's Bayou, in this parish, and containing 469.65 acres, more or less, and the one-third in value of the Plaindealing place, the old Gilmer homestead, and situated in this parish, containing 1,120 acres, more or less; and he received the following slaves, viz: Old Milly, who died in the year 1865; Jim, Anderson, Becky, Caroline, Hannah, William, Vina, Amos, Milly, Cyrus, Ellen, infant of Ellen, Louisa, Charly, Jennie, Miles, Jim, Silvy, Morgan, Charles, Ellen, two infant children of Jennie, Bob, Paty, Alcy, Billy, Alice, Seally, Julius, Franky, Milly, Anne, Henry, Richmond, Frank, Isaac, Ellen, Ned, Fanny, infant of Fanny, making 45 slaves in number, all of which were placed on the Buck Hall & Plaindealing plantations for the use of his said minors. He also received the following mules from said estate, viz: Falk, Liz, Milly, Step, Polly, Bill, Charley, Polly (again), Queen, Sook, Pat, Young
677 Fox, black mare, Kitty Clover, and bay colt, heretofore called bay filly, making 14 in number; also two Bois d'Arc wagons, and one lot of hoes, plows, &c., plow-gear, lot of household and kitchen furniture, hogs, cows, &c., all of which has been used for the benefit of his said minor children. The mules which have not died since said partition, which are but few; most of the cattle have died and been killed (the hogs have all been killed for the use of said plantations), are still on hand, together with the plantation tools, wagons, &c., not worn out. The corn & fodder on said plantations was used for the benefit of said minors, and which he accounted for in his first account, filed 19th of July, 1864. A portion of the cotton which was inventoried in said succession was sold by the executor of said estate, Dr. J. W. Vance, and for which cotton sold during the late civil war by said executor he received, as his minors' interest in the same, twelve thousand dollars in the so-called Confederate bonds of cotton, this cotton having been sold by the executor, or rather pressed by the agents of the so-called Confederate Government, and which cotton bonds your petitioner still has on hand. The remainder of said cotton inventoried in said succession, viz, 254 bales, have been sold and the proceeds of the same have been used in the payment of certain debts existing against said succession of G. E. Gilmer, dec'd.

The household and kitchen furniture has never been divided,
678 and is still used in common between your petitioner and his children, as in the succession of his first wife, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd, and in which all parties are interested. He also states that after the partition of the said Bee Bend plantation was made between the heirs of the said G. E. Gilmer, dec'd, it was thought to be to the interest of his minor children by himself as tutor, with the under tutor, P. R. Gilmer, and other relatives and friends, to sell their interest in said plantation, the 469.65 acres, more or less, and invest the proceed' of same in other lands for the following reasons: The 469.65 acres which was allotted to them had no houses or timber for fencing, the same being the middle portion of the said Bee Bend plantation; and in order to effect the same, your petitioner asked that a family meeting of the nearest relatives and friends be convoked for said purpose, and that an order issued from your honorable court on the 14th day of October, 1864, and that the said family meeting assembled on the 15th day of October, 1864, at the residence of R. Y.

Graves, in this parish, composed of the nearest relatives and friends of his said children, viz: J. W. Vance, R. W. Vance, James Marks, N. M. Marks, John Adger, J. B. Winston, James A. Herron, Jas. S. Willing, and George N. Gilmer, with the under tutor, Peachy R. Gilmer, recommended that the said lot of land of 469.65 acres, more or less, should be sold and the proceeds of same be invested in certain lands belonging to the late Mrs. E. L. Graves, situated in
679 Caddo Parish, north and west of Dooley's Bayou, and the one-third of the Plaindealing plantation in this parish, together with eighty acres of land attached to the last lot, and all of which belonging to the said Mrs. E. L. Graves, now deceased, and for the purpose of effecting said sale or purchase of the lands above named, after due and legal notice, the above 469.65 acres, more or less, was offered at public auction on the 29th day of November, 1864, and sold by Ph. Alden, then sheriff of this parish, to Rufus Y. Graves, as tutor to his minor children, at the price of $25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars), he being the last and highest bidder, and that your petitioner invested the same in the lands formerly belonging to Mrs. E. L. Graves, dec'd, as recommended aforesaid by said family meeting, viz: A portion of the Plaindealing plantation in this parish containing 1,080 acres, more or less, and adjoining lands already owned by said minors, at the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000). And all the said lands belonging to the said Mrs. E. L. Graves, dec'd, or her succession, lying north & west of Dooley's Bayou, in Caddo Parish, containing 1,136.07 acres, more or less, for the price of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000), making for the two lots of land purchased by your petitioner for his minor children the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars ($21,000), yet due your petitioner and children, leaving the sum of four thousand dollars
680 ($4,000), when there should have been only a difference of three thousand dollars ($3,000,) when the records show that he should have received four thousand ($4,000) dollars. The intention of said experts or commissioners being to make only the difference of the $3,000 of which partition will show, and being caused by the auctioneer of Caddo Parish not having the appraisement of the separate lots at the time of the sale. Your petitioner ask' that the deficit of the one thousand dollars in said sale be corrected and that he have credit for the same, as he never received it. He also shows that during the late civil war between the so-called Confederate and United States that he was a detailed planter and was not allowed by the so-called Confederate Government to plant anything but corn; the corn and meat raised during said time, & which the officers of the government took possession of, your petitioner had to accept as payment for the same the so-called Confederate certificates, Confederate notes, or bills, &c., from said officers, and which he now has on hand, the same amounting to some thirty thousand dollars, more or less, and all of which is now worthless, and he deems it unnecessary to make further mention. Your petitioner has herein accounted for all the property received from the different successions in which his minor children were in any way interested in
681 full, and would more particularly refer to the different wills, inventories, and partitions of the different successions in which they were interested. Petitioner prays that after the legal notices and delays, the statement or account be approved and made the judgment of the court. He

prays that P. R. Gilmer, under tutor to said minors, be duly notified of the filing of this account, and he prays for all further rules, notices, orders, and decrees necessary in the premises and for general relief.

I have examined this account and the accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct, and fully approve the same, and waive notice of the filing of the same.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

Succession of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd, the the *minors J. B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, in account with Samuel W. Vance, senior, natural tutor, from* 11*th June*, 1864, *to* 1867.

Names of creditors in this account.

Voucher 1.	To amount due tutor in first account, filed 19th July, 1864	3,562	00
2.	To amount due tutor for one-half community property	2,061	16
3.	Note of E. J. Wise & Co., principal & int	410	00
4.	Walsh & Boisseau bill	297	20
5.	E. S. Kneeland Co	1,157	20
6.	Ph. Alden, sheriff	159	50
7.	Hodge & Duncan	100	00
8.	Ball & Dashiell	180	00
682 9.	William E. Hamilton & Co	149	44
10.	Johnson & Durr	380	00
11.	Walsh & Boisseau	14	65
12.	Hodge & Austin	775	50
13.	For monument of J. B. G. Vance, dece'd	417	20
		$9,663	85

CREDITS.

	88 bales cotton, sold by	H. W. Farley & Co	12,182	52
1862 & 1863.	49 b. c.,	" "	J. D. Blair & Co	4,085	00
"	25 "	" "	"	1,825	72
1864.	29 "	"	H. W. Farley & Co	4,583	16
	25 "	"	"	1,092	45
				23,768	85
Tutor's commission, 10 %				2,376	88
				21,391	97
Amount of above account deducted				9,663	85
Leaving				11,728	12
One-half to S. E. Vance				5,864	06
The other half to the succession of James B. G. Vance, dec'd.				5,864	06

¼ to your petitioner, his father 1,466 01½
½ " his germaine sister, S. E. Vance 2,932 03

$\frac{1}{8}$ " " $\frac{1}{2}$ sister, Mary B. G. Vance.....	733 00$\frac{3}{4}$	
$\frac{1}{8}$ " " " brother, S. W. Vance, jr.....	733 00$\frac{3}{4}$	
Making the full amount of J. B. G. Vance, d'd.....		5, 864 06
Making full amount due S. E. Vance		5, 864 06
$\frac{1}{2}$ of her brother's.....		2, 932 03
In the cotton inventoried estate of Mary B. Vance, dec'd.....		$8, 796 09

683 ESTATE OF G. E. GILMER.

Vouchers.

Debts paid in his succession by Henry W. Farley & Co., in % rendered 7th February, 1866, marked A B.....	$9,547.03
C, E. J. Wise & Co.....	51 20
D, P. V. O'Neil.....	75 00
E, J. W. Vance	10 45
F, W. B. Wheeler.....	122 44
G, W. B. Wheeler.....	800 00
H, Wm. M. Sentell & Co.....	290 70
I, J. W. Vance.....	41 00
J, N. A. Hyer.....	17 60
	$10, 955 42

CREDITS.

By 77 bales cotton, sold by H. W. Farley & Co., voucher A B.....	11, 120 34
" $\frac{1}{3}$ of 177 bales cotton, sold by Harlow J. Phelps, O.....	2, 684 29
	$13, 804 63
Deduct the above amounts	10, 955 42
	$2, 849 21
S. E. Vance, minor, the one-half.....	1, 424 60
Succession of J. B. G. Vance.....	1, 424 60

S. W. Vance, the father, the one-fourth of J. B. G. Vance' share.....	356 15	
One-half to his germaine sister, Sarah E. Vance.....	712 30	
To M. B. Vance, half sister, $\frac{1}{8}$.....	178 07$\frac{1}{2}$	
" S. W. Vance, jr., " brother, $\frac{1}{8}$	178 07$\frac{1}{2}$	
Making share of J. B. G. Vance, d'd.....	1, 424 60	
Making the full amount due minor, Sarah E. Vance, interest in cotton in the estate of G. E. Gilmer, deceased...		$2, 136 90

684 The note due P. R. Gilmer, deceased, of Alabama, by your petitioner, and minors J. B. G. & Sarah E. Vance, $6,170.00.

Petitioner's one-half being	3,086 00
The one-half to Sarah E. Vance	1,543 00
" " " " succ'n J. B. G. Vance	1,543 00
¼ succession of J. B. G. Vance to S. W. Vance, sr	385 75
½ " " " S. E. Vance	771 50
⅛ " " " Mary B. G. Vance	192 87½
⅛ " " " S. W. Vance, jr	192 87½
Making the full amount the minor, Sarah E. Vance, in note of P. R. Gilmer est'te	$2,314 50

Amount of Confederate money paid out for use of minors, with vouchers, all now worthless.

V'ch'r A, Thomas N. Braden	1,965 00
" B, Looney & Wills	1,000 00
" C, A. L. Chapman	64 50
" D, Miss Sallie L. Lipscomb	100 00
" E, J. G. Brown, taxes	5,289 30
" F, Miss Sallie Lipscomb	100 00
" G, A. Winters	150 00
" H, M. P. Long	475 00
" I, Williamson & Levissee	2,000 00
" J, Thos. H. Pitts	450 00
" K, S. Van Bibber	914 25
" L, M. P. Long	500 00
" M, W. Rose	337 00
	$13,345 95

Having on hand the sum of eighteen thousand dollars of the so-called Confederate notes, old & new issue, and certified accounts for
685 corn, meat, &c., with the twelve thousand dollars in cotton bonds from estate of George E. Gilmer, deceased, is the sum total of all kinds and species of property having come into your petitioner's hands, showing the use and disposition he has made of the same, all of which is now worthless, and not considered in this account.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 25th, '67. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

VOUCHERS.

1. $3,562.00. The succession of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, deceased, or minors J. B. G. Vance, d'c'd, & S. E. Vance due S. W. Vance, natural tutor, in first account filed 19th July, 1864, in the sum of three thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

2. The minors J. B. G. Vance, dec'd, & Sarah E. Vance due S. W. Vance, natural tutor, the sum of two thousand sixty-one & $\frac{16}{100}$ dollars ($2,061.16), for his half of the community property, and which they received as existing between their brother and myself.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural Tutor.

3. $300. One day after date I promise to pay to Emanuel J. Wise & Co. three hundred dollars, for value received Decem. 17th, 1860.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE,
Natural T.

This note was given for mules for Buck Hall plant.

686 4. SHREVEPORT, *August 4th*, 1865.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Walsh & Boisseau:

360 yds. bagging, @ 45c	162	00
330 lbs. rope, 40c	135	20
	297	20

Settled by draft on H. W. Farley & Co.

(Signed) WALSH & BOISSEAU.

5. S. W. Vance bought of E. S. Kneeland:

1865.				
Oct.	9.	To 4 coils rope, 735, 23c	169	00
"	"	" 4 p'c's bagging, 400 yds., @ 33	132	00
"	"	" 8 doz. oranges	10	00
Nov.	4.	" 700 yds. bagging, 30c	210	00
"	"	" 10 coils rope, 1,771, @ 20c	354	20
"	"	" cash loaned	100	00
"	"	" caps, 1.50; powder, 7.50	9	00
"	"	" 4 hanks twine	3	00
Oct.	30.	" 300 yds. bagging, 34	102	00
"	"	" 700 lbs. rope, 24	168	00
			1,257	20
			100	00
			1,157	20

Rece'd payment by J. D. Blair & Co.

(Signed) E. S. KNEELAND.

6. Succession of the heirs of S. W. Vance:

1864.			
July	2.	Posting 3 notices & travelling 50 miles	4 00
Oct.	5.	Advertising sale	4 00
Nov.	29.	Per cent. on sale, $26,000	142 50
"	"	Proces verbal	1 00

"	" Paper	6 00
"	" 40 miles travel	2 00
		$159 50

Rece'd payment of S. W. Vance, Dec. 29th.
(Signed) PH. ALDEN, *Sheriff.*

687 7. Received, Shreveport, January 13th, 1865, of S. W. Vance, being in full for our fee for calling family meeting for his minor children.
(Signed) J. W. DUNCAN,
For HODGE & DUNCAN.

8. *Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor, to Ball & Dashiell, Dr.*

To cash advanced for linen for shroud for his son James B. G. Vance..... 180 00

Rece'd payment, Shreveport, Aug. 1st, 1864.
(Signed) BALL & DASHIELL.

9. *Dr. S. W. Vance to W. E. Hamilton & Co., Dr.*

1862.

March 28.	To balance on shoe bill	94
Oct. 27.	" 75 prs. russets, @ 12*s*	112 50
Nov. 1.	" 20 " " @ 12*s*	30 00
Rece'd d'f't on J. D. Blair & Co., 3 ex. size		6 00
		149 44

Apr. 27th, 1866.
(Signed) W. E. HAMILTON CO.

10. Rece'd, Shreveport, August 25th, 1865, from S. W. Vance three hundred & eighty dollars in sight draft for H. W. Farley & Co. for bill of bagging & rope.
(Signed) JOHNSON & DUER.

11. SHREVEPORT, *Aug. 25th*, 1866.
Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Walsh & Boisseau:

To balance due on old account		15
Aug. 4.	½ doz. gin saw files	1 00
" 2.	Freight & charges p'r National	12 00
" 20.	10 lbs. 10*d.* nails, 15c	1 50
		14 65

Paid.
(Signed) W. & B.,
P'r CHASE.

12. $755.50. Received from S. W. Vance the sum of seven hundred and fifty-five $\frac{50}{100}$ dolls., the same being in full payment of all

688 claims against said Vance as administrator in the succession of his first wife, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, or the succession of his son, J. B. G. Vance, or any and all claims whatsoever, including services succ'n Mrs. Martha H. Gilmer & J. E. Gilmer's succ'n.

Shreveport, Aug. 4th, 1867.

(Signed) J. PICKNEY HARRIS,
Att'y for C. D. Hodge, Tutrix.

13. *Invoice of marble tomb shipped by Sentell & Prather, per st'b't National, for account of S. W. Vance, Buck Hall.*

1 Italian marble monument, with cross, child, and 2 lambs, to Jimmie B. G. Vance, engraved, boxed, and shipped	400 00
Insurance to Shreveport, 440, @ 3 %	13 20
Commission, 1 %	4 00
	$417 20

NEW ORLEANS, *July 18th*, 1866.

VOUCHERS ESTATE OF G. E. GILMER.

A. B. *J. E. Gilmer's estate in % with H. W. Farley & Co.*

1865.			
Nov. 21.	To draft favor H. K. Carter & Co	5,569	25
" " "	account to "	157	10
Dec. 5.	" check of J. W. Vance to Stevenson & May	773	43
Jan. 5.	" " to J. M. Knight	3,000	00
Feb. 7.	" river insurance on 5 b. c., fr'd by str. Paulina	33	75
" " "	" " 2, sold at auction, 450lbs	13	50
" "	balance	1,573	31
		11,120	34

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1865.			
Oct. 24.	By proceeds settlement 5 b. c. short delivered by boat	1,108	36
Nov. 29.	" " 69 b. c.	9,812	60
1866.			
Jan. 11.	" " 2 " at auction	23	34
Feb. 7.	" " 1 "	176	04
		11,120	34
	Balance due your favor	1,573	31

689 C. $57.20.] SHREVEPORT, LA., *Sept. 7th*, 1865.

Rece'd from S. W. Vance, tutor, to the minors' estate of Mary B. Vance, dec'd, the sum of fifty-seven & $\frac{20}{100}$, being in full for one claim against him as tutor, for his one-third interest due us from the succ'n of G. E. Gilmer, d'c'd, for a wagon sold said G. E. Gilmer in the fall of 1860.

(Signed) E. J. WISE & CO.

D. $50. Received from S. W. Vance the sum of fifty dollars, in specie, for taking care of the crazy woman, Lizzie George, formerly belonging to the estate of G. E. Gilmer, and which was set forth in final settlement of his partition of his succ'n this April 28th, 1866.

(Signed) P. V. O'NEIL.

E. BUCK HALL, *May 3d*, 1866.

Received from S. W. Vance, tutor to the minor heirs of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd, the sum of ten dollars and forty-five cents, for internal-revenue tax paid by me on the succession of G. E. Gilmer, dec'd, on 24th day of January, 1866.

(Signed) J. W. VANCE.

F. (Copy.)

On or before the (1st) first day of January, 1862, I promise to pay William B. Wheeler the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) for value received, bearing eight (8) per cent. interest from the first day of January, 1861, until paid.

(Signed) G. E. GILMER.

(Endorsed on back of note as follows:) Received of P. V. O'Neil one hundred and seventeen $\frac{88}{100}$ dollars, on the within note, this 17th day of Sept., 1866.

(Signed) J. S. SANDERSON.

690 Also, received of S. W. Vance, tutor, the sum of one hundred & twenty-two dollars & $\frac{44}{100}$, being the one-third of this note, principal & interest, to this date, Dec. 13th, 1866.

(Signed) J. S. SANDERSON.

Also, rece'd of R. Y. Graves, tutor, the sum of one hundred & twenty-two $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars, being the third of this note, principal & interest, to this date, Dec. 13th, 1866.

(Signed) J. S. SANDERSON.

The above is a correct copy of the note, and the endorsements thereon, original in possession of R. Y. Graves, Jan. 18th, 1866.

G. $800.38.] SHREVEPORT, *February 1st*, 1867.

Received of S. W. Vance, tutor to the minor heirs of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, the sum of four hundred and ninety-six dollars & $\frac{61}{100}$, and the sum of three hundred and three & $\frac{77}{100}$ dollars, making the sum of eight hundred & $\frac{38}{100}$ dollars, the same being due W. B. Wheeler, dec'd, by George E. Gilmer, deceased, in two separate notes given and signed by Dr. J. W. Vance, executor of the estate of G. E. Gilmer, dec'd.

(Signed) J. S. SANDERSON,
Tutor of the minor heirs of W. B. Wheeler, dec'd.

H. $630.82.] BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Feb. 28th*, 1862.

One day after date I promise to pay to the order of Wm. M. Sentell & Co. six hundred and thirty-two and $\frac{82}{100}$ dollars, with eight per cent. interest from the first day of January last, for value received.

(Signed) GEO. E. GILMER,
Pr. J. W. VANCE.

(The following endorsements on the above note:) Received on the within note two hundred & seventy-nine & $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars from P. V. O'Neil, being one-third of amount. April 18th, 1860.

Also, received on the within note two hundred & seventy-nine
691 and $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars by the hand of R. Y. Graves, being one-third of amount. Sept. 11th, 1866.

Also, received from S. W. Vance, the sum of two hundred and eighty-eight dollars & $\frac{57}{100}$, the same being due me from the succession of G. E. Gilmer, deceased, January 30th, 1867.

(Signed) WM. M. SENTELL & CO.,
P'r H. W. SENTELL,
Collinsburg, La.

Geo. E. Gilmer to Wm. M. Sentell & Co., Dr.

1862, Jan.	5.	1 pr. wool cards, 12*s*.....	1 50
" Nov.	4.	9 land slides 4*s*.....	4 50
"	"	Postage, paper.....	1 00
			$7 00

(Endorsed:) Rec'ed of P. V. O'Neil, two $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars, Apr. 8th, 1866.

Also, rec'd on the within % by R. Y. Graves, two & $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars, Sept. 11th, 1866; also, received on the within account, from S. W. Vance, tutor, amount due in full, January 30th, '67.

I. BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Aug. 7th*, 1867.

Received from S. W. Vance, tutor of the minor heirs of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, dec'd, the sum of forty-one dollars, the same being due the succession of Wm. Arick, dec'd, by the succession of G. E. Gilmer, deceased.

(Signed) J. W. VANCE.

J. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

No. 338. *Receipt for direct taxes.*

$52.80; $2.65—$55.45.

This is to certify that G. E. Gilmer has this day paid to the undersigned the sum of fifty-five dollars & forty-five cents, that being amount in full for taxes, penalty, interest & cost, charged under the act of
692 Congress, entitled an act for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary districts, within the United States, and for other purposes, approved June 7th, 1862, upon the following tracts of land, situated in the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, 4,480 acres, valued at $36,675; taxes, 5,280; in full to April 1st, 1865.

Witness our hand, at New Orleans, this 24th day of January, A. D. 1866.

(Signed) N. A. HYER,
Col'l for Commissioners of Direct Taxes for Louisiana.

Vouch. *Vouchers for confederate money.*

A. Received Bellevue, La., April 16th, 1865, of S. W. Vance, tutor to the minor heirs of Mary B. Vance, dec'd, nineteen hundred & sixty-five dollars, clerk's fee due me, in the matter of the tutorship of the minors aforesaid, which amount I received in currency, at the rates of ten for one.
(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k. D. C.*

B. Received of S. W. Vance, tutor, the sum of one thousand dollars, in full of our fees in the matter of family meeting, and partition up to this date, May 6th, 1865.
(Signed) LOONEY & WELLS.

C. Due A. L. Chapman, the sum of sixty-four dollars, for value received, this 23d February, 1863.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

D. Received July 9th, 1864, of S. W. Vance, as tutor, one hundred dollars, for tuition, teaching J. B. G. Vance, now deceased, from
693 the first of September last, 1863, to the first July, 1864.
(Signed) SALLIE L. LIPSCOMB.

E. *C. S. Tax dist. of Miss. & Texas.*

No. 460.] BELLEVUE, LA., *Decem. 6th*, 1864.
Received from S. W. Vance fifty-two hundred & eighty-nine & $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars, in payment of taxes detailed on back of this receipt.
(Sig'd) J. G. BROWN,
Dist. Collector.

F. Received July 29th, 1864, of S. W. Vance, tutor, one hundred dollars for teaching Sarah E. Vance, a minor, from 1st of September last, 1863, to 1st of July, 1864.
(Signed) SALLIE L. CHAPMAN.

G. JUNE 12TH, 1864.

Succession of J. B. G. Vance, dc'd, to A. Winters.

To 3 yds. black cloth, $50 per yard 150 00
Paid.
(Signed) A. WINTER.

H. *Tutorship of the minors J. B. G. & Sarah E. Vance, to M. P. Long, recorder & notary public.*

1864.
To giving audience to family meeting, detention of time, &c..... 75 00
Rece'd payment of S. W. Vance, tutor, Jan. 7th, 1865.
(Signed) M. P. LONG, *Recorder.*

Succession of James B. G. Vance, Dr., 1864, to M. P. Long, recorder & notary public.

July 8th & 9th. To making inventory, detention of time, expenses, &c. 400 00
Oct. 15. Holding family meeting, &c. 75 00

475 00

Rece'd payment in full of S. W. Vance, tutor, January 7th, 1865.
(S'g'd) M. P. LONG, *Recorder.*

I. Rece'd, Shreveport, La., Feb. 9th, 1868, from S. W. Vance, tutor of the minor heirs of his deceased wife, Mary B. Gilmer, two thousand dollars, in new issue, in full of all fees for services rendered.
694 (Signed) WILLIAMSON & LEVISSEE,
Att'ys at Law.
Pr. GE'RGE WILLIAMSON.

J. *Succession of Mary B. Vance to Thomas Pitts, Dr.*

To taking two inventories & mileage 450 00
Received payment of Dr. S. W. Vance, tutor, Feb. 9th, 1865.
(Signed) THOS. H. PITTS, *Recorder.*

K. *C. S. Tax, district of* .

No. 238.] SHREVEPORT, LA., *Sept. 22d*, 1864.
Received from S. W. Vance nine hundred and fourteen and $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars, in payment of the taxes detailed on the back of this receipt.
$914\frac{25}{100}$.] (Signed) S. VAN BIBBER,
Dist. Coll'r.

L. *Succession of J. B. G. Vance, Dr., to M. P. Long, recorder & notary public.*

1865.
Jan. 6. To making inventory, time & expense..... 150 00
" 16. Completing partition. 350 00

$500 00

Rece'd payment for M. P. Long, M'ch 20th, 1865.
(Signed) PH. ALDEN.

M. $310.00.] One day after date I promise to pay to the order of W. Rose the sum of three hundred and ten dollars, at 8 per cent. interest per annum from date, for value received.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR HEIRS OF MRS. MARY B. VANCE, DEC'D, JAMES B. G. VANCE, DE'D, & SARAH E. VANCE.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court, La.

Let publication of the filing of this second annual account be made by

advertising the same in the Bossier Banner, a weekly newspaper published in this parish, for the legal length of time.

695 This done officially on this 25th day of October, A. D. 1867.
(Sighed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 25th, 1867. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Judgment of homologation.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINOR HEIRS OF MARY B. VANCE, DEC'D.

Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

In this cause, by reason of the law, and the within 2d annual account, filed by S. W. Vance, tutor, to the minors of Mary B. Vance, dec'd, having been advertised for more than thirty clear days without opposition, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said account be homologated and approved, and the same is hereby made the judgment of the court.

This done and signed officially on this first Saturday, fourth day of January, A. D. 1868.
(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN, *C'k D. C.*

(Endorsed:) Filed June 4th, 1868. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Petition and order for family meeting in tutorship of J. B. G. & Sarah E. Vance.

PETITION.

To the honorable the judge of the 17th district court of the State of Louisiana, sitting in and for the parish of Bossier.

The petition of Samuel Whitfield Vance, of said parish, in his capacity as natural tutor of the minors, James B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, of said parish, with respect, represents that he is the owner of one-half of the following described property, situated in the said parish,
696 and which belonged to the community of acquits and gains, which recently existed between your petitioner and Mary B. Vance, deceased, the mother of said minors constituting a part only of said community, to wit, slaves, as follows:

1. Reuben,	aged	26	years,	valued at	.....	1,800 00
2. Maria Ham,	"	21	"	"	.....	1,300 00
3. Harriet,	"	21	"	"	.....	1,400 00
4. Chancy,	"	14	"	"	.....	1,200 00
5. Pinkney,	"	13	"	"	.....	1,200 00
6. Amos,	"	11	"	"	.....	1,000 00
7. Little Jim,	"	15	"	"	.....	1,400 00
8. Frank, carpenter,	"	28	"	"	.....	2,000 00
9. Daniel,	"	23	"	"	.....	1,600 00
10. Big Jeff,	"	27	"	"	.....	1,650 00

11. Martha,	"	24	"	"	.....	1,450 00
12. Jerry,	"	21	"	"	.....	1,600 00
13. Julia,	"	26	"	"	.....	1,300 00
14. Enoch,	"	3	"	"	.....	3 00
15. Toney,	"	23	"	"	.....	1,600 00
16. Charlotte,	"	24	"	"	.....	1,400 00
17. Bella,	"	22	"	"	.....	1,400 00
18. Little John,	"	10	"	"	.....	1,200 00

Also the following described mules and horses, to wit:

1. Mary,	aged	6	years,	appraised at	.....	150 00
2. Belle,	"	5	"	"	.....	150 00
3. Pete,	"	5	"	"	.....	150 00
4. Ball,	"	5	"	"	.....	150 00
5. Puss,	"	5	"	"	.....	150 00
6. Mouse,	"	4	"	"	.....	150 00
7. Pink,	"	5	"	"	.....	150 00
8. Lucy,	"	5	"	"	.....	150 00
697 9. Queen,	aged	5	years,	appraised at	.....	150 00
10. Milly,	"	5	"	"	.....	150 00
11. Rock,	"	8	"	"	.....	150 00
12. Suzan,	"	7	"	"	.....	150 00
13. Charlotte,	"	4	"	"	.....	195 00
14. Polly,	"	3	"	"	.....	195 00
15. Sally,	"	3	"	"	.....	195 00
16. Ginee,	"	3	"	"	.....	195 00
17. Red Bird,	"	3	"	"	.....	195 00
18. Coley,	"	3	"	"	.....	195 00
19. Kit,	"	3	"	"	.....	195 00
20. Jimy,	"	3	"	"	.....	195 00
Hedgeford, a deep bay stallion, 8 years					.....	300 00
36 head of cattle, @ 5.00 per head					.....	180 00
52 " hogs, @ 2.50 "					.....	104 00
3,500 bushels corn, @ 75c. per bushel					.....	2,625 00
10 stacks of fodder, @ $6 per stack					.....	60 00
Plantation tools, &c					.....	400 00
1 new Bois d'Arc wagon					.....	180 00

Also the following-described lands, to wit:

One-third (undivided) of nine hundred and twenty acres of land, in township twenty-one N., range thirteen W., in said parish, held in indivision by the said community, with James W. Vance and Miss Martha G. Gilmer, valued at $2 per acre, $613.33⅓.

The slaves aforesaid, held in common as aforesaid, were appraised by an order of this hon. court on the 25th day of February, 1860, and the said appraisement amounted to the sum of twenty-four thousand eight
698 hundred dollars. The mules aforesaid, held in common as aforesaid, were appraised as aforesaid, and the appraisement amounted to the sum of three thousand three hundred and sixty dollars, and the appraisement made at the same time of the stallion Hedgeford amounted to three hundred dollars. The other personal property herein mentioned held in common as aforesaid, & appraised as aforesaid, and the appraisement thereof

amounting to the sum of three thousand five hundred & fifty-nine dollars. The household and kitchen furniture held in common and appraised as aforesaid at the sum of seven hundred dollars, and the cotton crop of 1859, being five hundred and seventy bales, appraised at thirty-five dollars per bale, making the sum of nineteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars, and not included in the calculations herein stated. Petitioner further represents that it would be to the interest of said minors that the said slaves hereinbefore described should be adjudicated at their estimated value to your petitioner, and that the twelve mules first mentioned and the horse Hedgeford should likewise be adjudicated to him at their estimated value, that is, that petitioner should become the sole owner of said slaves, twelve mules, and horse, and be indebted to his said minor children in the sum of one-half of the appraisement aforesaid of said last-mentioned property to wit, the slaves, twelve mules, and horse. He further represents that it would be to the interest of said minors that they should become the
699 sole and exclusive owners of the eight mules last described, the cattle, the hogs, the corn, the fodder, the plantation tools, the wagon, and the undivided third interest in said lands hereinbefore described and held in community as aforesaid, and that the same should be adjudicated to or purchased by them at the estimated value of the same, that is, that said minors should become indebted, or pay to your petitioner the one-half of the sum at which it is appraised as aforesaid.

Petitioner prays that a family meeting composed of the relatives, and in default of them, of the friends of said minors, be convoked for the purpose of deliberating and making recommendations touching the matters herein referred to, and especially to advise whether the adjudication and sale herein suggested and asked for shall be made, and upon what terms & conditions. He further prays that George E. Gilmer, the duly qualified under tutor of said minors of said parish, be cited to answer hereto, and to attend and participate in the deliberations, and recommendations of the family meeting herein asked for. Petitioner further prays that a commission issue to Austin Miller, recorder of said parish, or to some other notary public therein, to hold said family meeting. He finally prays for all orders, notices, and decrees requisite in the premises, and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) B. L. HODGE, *Att'y.*

I accept service of this petition, waive citation & time, and con-
700 cur in this prayer for the convocation of a family meeting as above asked for, May the 8th, 1860.

(Signed) G. E. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier.

17th dist. court.

Upon the foregoing application of Samuel W. Vance, it is, by reason of the law, adjudged & decreed that a family meeting, to be composed of P. R. Gilmer, R. L. Gilmer, J. W. Vance, & Joseph P. Vance, relatives, and R. Y. Graves, Caezain Wallace, and Jacob Irwin, friends of the said minors Jas. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance (there being no other male

relatives of said minors within this parish or within thirty miles of this place known to me), be convoked as prayed for in the foregoing petition, and for the purpose of deliberating and recommending upon matters asked for in said petition. It is further ordered that Austin Miller, recorder of said parish, or any other notary public therein, be duly authorized to hold said family meeting, and to cause & to receive their deliberations and recommendations according to law; and that said Miller, recorder, or such other notary public, be duly empowered to do and perform all things required by law, and that a commission be issued to said officer for the purpose herein expressed. It is further ordered that said George E. Gilmer, of said parish, under tutor of said minors, be duly notified to attend said family meeting. It is further ordered that said family meeting be composed of the persons named or any five of them, to include the relatives, be held at twelve o'clock m. on Friday, the 18th day of May,
701 A. D. 1860, and that all notices be given as required by law.

Done and signed at office in the town of Bellevue, parish and State aforesaid, this the 11th day of May, A. D. 1860. Witness my hand and official seal.

(Signed) A. A. ABNEY,
C'k D. C.

(Endorsed): Filed May 12th, 1860. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c

Commission to hold family meeting relative to an adjudication of community property.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, 17th district court.

To Austin Miller, recorder, or to any notary public of said parish:

You are hereby authorized, in pursuance of an order of our said court, to convoke and give audience to a family meeting composed of P. L. Gilmer, R. L. Gilmer, J. W. Vance and Joseph Vance, relatives, and R. Y. Graves, Cayaire Wallace, & Jacob Irwin, or any five of them, including the relatives of the minors James B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, for the purpose of deliberating and advising, touching the interest of said minors, in the proposed partition and adjudication of the community property described in the petition (a copy of which is hereto annexed), and held & owned by said minors, and their father, Samuel W. Vance. And if the adjudication sought be advised, to fix the terms and conditions of said adjudication with the consent of the under tutor in pursuance to art. 338, C C. You are further authorized to do and perform
702 all acts necessary under the law (as notary) to carry into effect the advice and recommendations of said family meeting touching the interest of said minors. You will give notice to each of the members of said family meeting, of time and place, and cause George E. Gilmer, under tutor, to be present. That said family meeting be held at 12 o'clock m., on the 18th inst.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Bellevue, the 16th day of May, 1860.

(Signed) A. A. ABNEY,
C'k D. C.

PETITION.

To the hon. the judge of the 17th dist. court of the State of Louisiana, sitting in and for the parish of Bossier:

The petition of Sam'l Whitfield Vance, in his capacity as tutor of the minors, James B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, of said parish, with respect represents, that he is owner of one-half of the following-described property, situated in said parish, and which belonged to the community of acquets and gains, which recently existed between your petitioner and Mary B. Gilmer, dece'd, the mother of said minors, constituting a part only of said community, to wit: Slaves as follows:

1. Reuben,	aged	26	years,	valued	at	.....	1,800 00
2. Maria Ham,	"	21	"	"		.....	1,300 00
3. Harriet,	"	21	"	"		.....	1,400 00
4. Chancey,	"	14	"	"		.....	1,200 00
5. Pinckney,	"	13	"	"		.....	1,200 00
6. Amos,	"	11	"	"		.....	1,000 00
7. Little Jim,	"	15	"	"		.....	1,400 00
8. Isam, carpenter,	"	28	"	"		.....	2,000 00
703 9. Daniel,	aged	23	years,	appraised	at	.....	1,600 00
10. Big Jeff,	"	27	"	"		.....	1,650 00
11. Martha,	"	24	"	"		.....	1,450 00
12. Jerry,	"	21	"	"		.....	1,600 00
13. Julia,	"	26	"	"		.....	1,300 00
14. Enoch,	"	3	"	"		.....	300 00
15. Toney,	"	25	"	"		.....	1,600 00
16. Charlotte,	"	24	"	"		.....	1,400 00
17. Bella,	"	22	"	"		.....	1,400 00
18. Little John,	"	10	"	"		.....	1,200 00

Also the following-described mules & horse, to wit:

1. Mary,	mule	6	years	old,	valued at	..... 150 00
2. Belle,	"	5	"	"	"	..... 150 00
3. Peter,	"	5	"	"	"	..... 150 00
4. Puss,	"	"	"	"	"	..... 150 00
5. Munn,	"	"	"	"	"	..... 150 00
6. Ball,	"	"	"	"	"	..... 150 00
7. Pink,	"	5	"	"	"	..... 150 00
8. Lacey,	"	5	"	"	"	..... 150 00
9. Queen,	"	5	"	"	"	..... 150 00
10. Milly,	"	5	"	"	"	..... 150 00
11. Bock,	"	8	"	"	"	..... 150 00
12. Suzan,	"	7	"	"	"	..... 150 00
13. Charlotte,	"	7	"	"	"	..... 150 00
14. Polly,	"	3	"	"	"	..... 195 00
15. Sallie,	"	3	"	"	"	..... 195 00
16. Ginee,	"	3	"	"	"	..... 195 00
17. Red Bird,	"	3	"	"	"	..... 195 00
18. Coley,	"	3	"	"	"	..... 195 00
19. Kit,	"	3	"	"	"	..... 195 00
20. Jenny,	"	3	"	"	"	..... 195 00

	Hedeford, deep bay stallion	300 00
704	36 head cattle, @ 5.00 p'r head	180 00
	52 " stock hogs, 2.00 " "	104 00
3,500 bushels corn, 75c		2,625 00
10 stacks fodder, 6$ each		60 00
Plantation tools		400 00
1 new Bois d'Arc wagon		180 00

Also the following-described lands, to wit:

One-third undivided of nine hundred & twenty acres of land in township twenty-one N., range thirteen W., in said parish, held in indivision by the said community with James W. Vance and Miss Mattie G. Gilmer, valued at 2$ p'r acre...	613 33⅓

The slaves aforesaid, held in common as aforesaid, were appraised by an order of this honorable court, on the twenty-fifth day of February, A. D. 1860, and the said appraisment amounted to the sum of twenty-four thousand eight hundred dollars.

The mules aforesaid, held in common as aforesaid, were appraised as aforesaid, & the appraisment amounted to the sum of three thousand three hundred and sixty dollars, and the appraisment of the horse Hedgeford, made at the same time, amounted to the sum of three hundred dollars. The other property (personal) herein mentioned, held in common as aforesaid, was appraised as aforesaid, the appraisment thereof amounted to the sum of three thousand five hundred and forty-nine dollars. The household and kitchen furniture, held in common and appraised aforesaid, at the sum of seven hundred dollars, and the cotton crop of 1859 being
705 five hundred & seventy bales, appraised at thirty-five dollars p'r bale, making the sum of nine thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars, and not included in the calculations herein stated. Petitioner further represents that it would be to the interest of said minors that the said slaves hereinbefore described should be adjudicated at their estimated value to your petitioner, and that the twelve mules mentioned first and the horse Hedgeford should likewise be adjudicated to him at their estimated value; that is, that said petitioner should become the sole owner of said slaves, twelve mules, & horse, and be indebted to his minor children in the sum of one-half of the appraisement aforesaid of the last-mentioned property, to wit, the slaves, 12 mules, & horse. He further represents that it would be to the interest of said minors that they should become the sole and exclusive owners of the eight mules last described, the cattle, the hogs, the corn, the fodder, the plantation tools, the wagon, & the undivided third in the lands hereinbefore described and held in community as aforesaid, and that the same should be adjudicated to, or purchased by, said minors at the estimated value of the same; that is, that said minors should become indebted or pay to your petitioner the one-half the sum at which the same is appraised as aforesaid. Petitioner prays that a family meeting, composed of the relatives, & in default of them, of the friends of said minors, be convoked for the purpose
706 of deliberating & making recommendations touching the matters herein referred to, and specially to advise whether the adjudication and sale herein suggested & asked for should be made, and upon what

terms & credits. He further prays that George E. Gilmer, the duly qualified under tutor of said minors, of said parish, be cited to answer hereto, and to attend and participate in the deliberations & recommendations of the family meeting herein asked for. Petitioner further prays that a commission issue to Austin Miller, recorder of said parish, or to some other notary public therein, to hold said family meeting. He finally prays for all orders, notices, and decrees requisite in the premises, and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) B. L. HODGE, *Att'y.*

(Endorsed:) Filed May 21st, 1860. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, clerk dist. court.

Oath of members of family meeting.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

We, Peachy R. Gilmer, Jas. W. Vance, Joseph P. Vance, Rufy Y. Graves, and Jacob Irwin, having been appointed members of a family meeting to advise & recommend concerning the interest of the minors James B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, heirs of Samuel W. Vance and issue of his marriage with Mary B. Gilmer, now deceased, do solemnly swear that in giving advice we will act impartially and according to the best of our judgment. So help us God.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER.
" J. W. VANCE.
" J. P. VANCE.
" R. Y. GRAVES.
" ROBT. L. GILMER.

Sworn to and subscribed on this 18th day of May, A. D. 1860, before me.

707 AUSTIN MILLER.
Recorder.

Advice of family meeting recommending adjudication & purchase.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it remembered that on this the 18th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty (1860), I, Austin Miller, recorder & ex-officio notary public in and for said parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, duly qualified, after repairing to the residence of Dr. Samuel W. Vance, on Red River, in the parish of Bossier, proceeded this day by virtue of an order to me directed from the clerk of the hon. the dis't court of said parish of Bossier, to give audience to a family meeting composed of Messrs. Peachy R. Gilmer, Robert L. Gilmer, Jas. W. Vance, Joseph P. Vance, Rufus Y. Graves, and Jacob Irwin, relatives and friends of the minors, James B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, heirs of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, deceased, issue of her marriage with Dr. S. W. Vance, for the purpose of said persons advising and recommending concerning the interest of said minors in relation to the adjudication of certain community property that was acquired by said Samuel W. Vance during his marriage with Mary

B. Gilmer, now deceased, which said persons after being by me, said
708 recorder & notary, duly sworn, do advise as follows, to wit: That the slaves, Reuben, Maria Ham, Harriet, Chancey, Pinkney, Amos, Isam, Daniel, Big Jeff, Martha, Jerry, Julia, Enoc, Toney, Charlotte & her child, Bella, & Little John (the slave Little Jim having died), which slaves are described in the petition asking for this family meeting, filed in the clerk's office at Bellevue, May 12th, A. D. 1860, (except the slave child of Charlotte, born since), be adjudicated to the father of said minors, Samuel W. Vance, at a price and estimation to be fixed by sworn experts according to law; also that the twelve mules, Mary, Bill, Pete, Ball, Puss, Mouse, Peek, Lucy, Queen, Milly, Rock, & Suzan, and the horse Hedgeford, be adjudicated to said Samuel W. Vance, at a price to be fixed according to law. The said members of this meeting also recommend that the following property which is described in said petition, filed May 12th, 1860, be purchased by and adjudicated to said minors, J. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, at the price fixed on said property by sworn appraisers as per inventory made 5th February, A. D. 1860, past, at the instance of Dr. S. W. Vance, now on file in the clerk's office at Bellvue, to wit: The eight mules, Charlotte, Polly, Sally, Gince, Red Bird, Coley, Kit, & Jerry, estimated at one hundred and ninety-five dollars each; the thirty-six head of cattle at $5 per head; fifty-two head of hogs, at $2 per head; three thousand five hundred bushels of corn, appraised at 75c. per bushel (seventy-five cents); ten stacks of fodder at six dollars per stack; plantation tools &c., at four hundred
709 dollars; the new Bois d'Arc wagon at one hundred and eighty dollars; also the lands mentioned in said petition & inventory, viz, one-third (undivided) of nine hundred and twenty acres of land in township twenty north, of range thirteen west, in the parish of Bossier, entered originally by James W. Vance, Miss M. G. Gilmer, & Mary B. Vance, which interest in said lands was estimated at two dollars per acre, making $613.33⅓. That all of said last mentioned property be purchased by and adjudicated to said minors in full property, and that they become indebted to their father for his half thereof at the aforesaid price; that they make all the aforesaid recommendations for the reason that they believe it would be to the interest of said minors that said adjudication should be, the said minors now owning as their separate property the Buck Hall plantation and a large number of the slaves now worked thereon, to which advice they all agree. Mr. George E. Gilmer, the under tutor to said minors, being here present, hereby gives his consent to the adjudication herein recommended, and concurs with the members of this meeting. In testimony whereof I have caused said members of this meeting to sign this act with the said under tutor and me, said recorder and notary, on this day of beginning.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER.
" J. P. VANCE.
" JACOB IRWIN.
(Signed) J. W. VANCE.
" R. Y. GRAVES.
" ROB'T L. GILMER.
710 (Signed) G. E. GILMER,
Under Tutor.
" AUSTIN MILLER,
Recorder & Notary.

In returning to my office at Bellevue I hereto affix my public seal of office to fully authenticate this proces verbal May 21st, A. D. 1860.

(Signed) AUSTIN MILLER,
Recorder & Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed May 21st, 1860. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, d'y c'k d. c.

Letters to under tutor, Geo. E. Gilmer, of the two minors J.G. B. & Sarah E. Vance.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, 17th dist. court.

This is to certify that George E. Gilmer has been duly authorized and confirmed under tutor to the minors J. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, and taken the oath as required by law. Now, therefor', the said George E. Gilmer is hereby fully authorized & impowered to do and perform, all and singular, the duties incumbent on him by law in said capacity. In testimony whereof I sign my name and affix the seal of said court, in my office, at the town of Bellevue, on this the 6th day of January, A. D. 1860.

(Signed) A. A. ABNEY, *C'k D. C.*

(Endorsed:) Filed January 6th, 1860. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, d'y c'k d. c.

Application for family meeting in tutorship of Sarah E. Vance, Mary B. G., & Sam'l W. Vance, jr.

To the hon. the judge of the 10th district court of Louisiana, in and for the parish of Bossier:

711 The petition of Samuel W. Vance, tutor to Sarah E. Vance, Mary B. G. Vance, & Samuel W. Vance, jr., would respectfully represent that it is for the interest of said minors that certain land inherited by said minors from Mary B. Gilmer, late wife of Samuel W. Vance, and James B. G. Vance, deceased, should be sold, and the proceeds of said lands reinvested in other lands, and that a family meeting composed of the relatives and friends of said minor heirs should be called and recommend for the best interest of said minors in the premises.

Petitioner represents that a full description of said lands will be presented before said family meeting. Further that James Marks, Nicholas M. Marks, George N. Gilmer, R. W. Vance, J. B. Winston, James A. Herron, J. S. Milling, John Adger, & J. W. Vance, and P. R. Gilmer is the under tutor to said minors, said persons are suitable persons to be appointed members of a family meeting, and petitioner prays for their appointment accordingly, and that any notary public of your parish be commissioned to give audience to said family meeting, and make return without delay, & for all necessary orders, notices, and decrees, and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) LOONEY & WELLS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

Clerk's office, 10th judicial dist. court.

Upon considering the foregoing application, it is hereby ordered that James Marks, Nicholas M. Marks, George N. Gilmer, R. W. Vance J. B. Winston, Jas. A. Herron, John S. Milling, John Adger,
712 and J. W. Vance, be, and the same are hereby, appointed members of a family meeting, and that M. P. Long, recorder of this parish, be commissioned to hold said family meeting, and said meeting advise and recommend for the best interest of said minors, and due return make without delay.

Given under my hand officially on this the 14th day of October, 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 14th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k dist. court.

Petition for recognition of tutor & under-tutor for the minors Mary B. G. & Sam'l W. Vance, jr.

To the hon. the judge of the 10th judicial district of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of Bossier, La.:

The petition of Sam'l W. Vance would respectfully represents that he is natural tutor to Mary B. G. Vance & Samuel W. Vance, jr., minors, who are the heirs of James B. G. Vance, dec'd, half brother of said minors. It is necessary that said minors be represented, and prays to be recognized as tutor to said minors and qualified accordingly; whereupon petitioner prays for all orders necessary in the premises, and for general relief.

(Signed) LOONEY & WELLS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

Clerk's office, 10th judicial dist. court.

Upon considering the foregoing application, it is ordered that Samuel W. Vance be recognized & confirmed as tutor by nature of Mary B. G. Vance, Sarah E. Vance, & Samuel W. Vance, jr., and that Peachy R. Gil-
713 mer be appointed under tutor to said minors, upon their being sworn according to law.

Given under my hand officially on this 14th day of October, 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 14th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, cl'k d. c.

Oath of tutor & under tutor.

I, Samuel W. Vance, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge & perform all the duties incumbent on me by law as the natural tutor to minors Mary B. G. Vance and Samuel W. Vance, jr., to the best of my ability. So help me God.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of October, A. D. 1864.

M. P. LONG, *D'y C'k.*

I, P. R. Gilmer, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me by law as under tutor to the minors Mary B. G. Vance and Samuel W. Vance, jr., to the best of my ability. So help me God.

(Signed) P. R. GILMER.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of October, 1864.

(Signed) M. P. LONG, *D'y C'k.*

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 20th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k d. c.

Procès verbal.—Family meeting, tutorship of the minors J. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance.

OATH OF MEMBERS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

714 We, James Marks, J. S. Milling, J. A. Herron, J. W. Vance, Nicholas Marks, and A. L. Chapman, having been appointed members of a family meeting convoked for the purpose of recommending and advising as to the interest of the minors J. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, in regard to certain lands, do solemnly swear that in deliberating and recommending we will act impartially and according to the best of our knowledge and ability. So help us God.

(Signed) JAMES MARKS.
" J. A. HERRON.
" J. S. MILLING.
" N. M. MARKS.
" A. L. CHAPMAN.
" J. W. VANCE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of June, A. D. 1864.

M. P. LONG,
Recorder.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it remembered that on this the eleventh day of June, 1864, I, Milton P. Long, recorder and ex-officio notary public in and for the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and sworn by virtue of a commission to me directed from the clerk of the hon. district court in and for said parish and State, proceeded at the residence of R. Y. Graves, in said parish of Bossier, to convoke and give audience to a family meeting, composed of J. S. Milling, Jas. A. Herron, A. L. Chapman, friends, & Jas. Marks, J. W. Vance, Nicholas M. Marks, relatives of the minors. Said meeting called for the purpose of recommending whether or not it would be to the interest of the minors James B. G. Vance and Sarah E.

Vance to sell that portion of Bee Bend plantation drawn by said minors as heirs of the succession of George E. Gilmer, deceased,
715 and convert the proceeds thereof into other lands belonging to E. L. Graves, having caused Peachy R. Gilmer, under tutor to said minors to be present, I then called and qualified said members according to law. When they, the said members, after due deliberation unanimously agree in recommending that the said lot of land drawn by the said minors J. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, from the succession of George E. Gilmer, deceased, to wit, a part of Bee Bend plantation situated in Bossier Parish, La., be sold, and the proceeds converted into lands belonging to Mrs. E. L. Graves, situated in Red River bottom, in the parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, and known as a part of the Egypt place, all that portion of said Egypt place lying north and west of Dooley's Bayou, containing about eleven hundred acres, and the lot of land drawn by the said E. L. Graves from the succession of George E. Gilmer, deceased, situated in *in* the parish of Bossier, being a part of the Plaindealing plantation in the hills, described as the west half of section fourteen, all of section fifteen, & the northwest quarter of section twenty-two, containing 1,160 acres. There being no other business for this meeting to transact, I hereby close the same, causing said members and under tutor to sign the same together with me, said notary, in presence of subscribing witnesses of lawful age and domiciled in this parish.

Done and signed on this the day and date above written.

(Signed) JAS. MARKS.
" J. A. HERRON.
(Signed) J. S. MILLING.
" N. M. MARKS.
716 (Signed) A. L. CHAPMAN.
" J. W. VANCE.
" P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

Attest:
(Sig'd) J. B. WINSTON.
" R. Y. GRAVES.
(Signed) W. P. LONG,
Recorder & Notary P.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 16, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, cl'k dist. court.

Act of sale from Mrs. J. M. & J. M. Sandige. filed & marked 9, *with leave to substitute certified copy.*

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish and City of New Orleans:

It is known that on this 4th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety-fourth, before me, Andrew Hero, jr., a notary public in and for the parish and city of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared

John M. Sandige and Mrs. Mary E. Gilmer, his wife, both of the full age of majority, said Mrs. Sandige being duly authorized and assisted by her said husband in the execution hereof, which said appearers declared that for the consideration and on the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed, they do by these present', grant, bargain, sell, convey, transfer, assign, and set over with all the legal warrantee unto Samuel W. Vance, of the parish of Bossier in this State, herein represented by his authorized agent and attorney in fact, Henry W. Farley, of this city, who is here also present accept-
717 ing and purchasing for the said Samuel W. Vance, his heirs and assigns, and on his behalf acknowledging delivery and possession thereof, a certain plantation or tract of land, together with the buildings & improvements thereon, and all rights, ways, privileges, and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining, situate in the parish of Caddo, in this State, known and designated as the Southside plantation, containing, more or less, one thousand & sixty-five $\frac{16}{100}$ acres, and comprising the following-described tracts or parcels of land, viz: The northwest fractional quarter of section No. thirty-one, in township No. nineteen north, of range No. thirteen, containing one hundred and one $\frac{40}{100}$ acres; the southwest fractional quarter of section No. thirty, containing six $\frac{90}{100}$ acres; the southeast fractional quarter of section No. twenty-five, containing thirty-nine $\frac{99}{100}$ acres; the northeast fractional quarter of section No. thirty-six, containing seventy & $\frac{87}{100}$ acres; the west fractional half of section No. twenty-five, containing one hundred and fifteen acres; the northwest fractional quarter of section No. thirty-six, containing ninety-three acres; the east half of the southwest quarter & the southeast quarter of section No. twenty-six, containing two hundred and forty acres; the northeast fractional quarter, the southeast fractional quarter, and the east half of northwest quarter of section No. thirty-five, containing together three hundred and eighteen acres; and the east half of the southwest quarter of section No. thirty-five, containing eighty acres; all being in
718 township No. nineteen north, of range No. fourteen (14) and south of Red River, in said parish of Caddo, save and excepting said northwest fractional quarter of section No. thirty-one, which are in township No. nineteen north, of range No. thirteen; which said plantation is the true and lawful of the said vendors, and is free from all mortgages and incumbrances in their names, as they hereby declare. Wherefore the parties hereto declare that they dispense with the production of a certificate from the recorder of mortgages in and for said parish of Caddo, to show what mortgages, if any, exist, in the names of said vendors against the aforedescribed property, as is otherwise required by article 3328 of the civil code of this State, to have to hold the said property & appurtenances unto the said purchaser, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said vendors hereby bind themselves and their heirs forever to warrant and defend the property and appurtenances herein conveyed against all legal claims and demands whatever. The said vendor' moreover transfer unto said purchaser all the rights and actions of warranty to which they themselves are entitled against all the former proprietors of the property herein conveyed, subrogating the said purchaser to the rights, and to be by him enjoyed and exercised in the same manner as they might have been by the said vendor. This sale is made and accepted for and in consideration of the price and sum of fifteen thousand dollars, with interest as hereinafter ex-

pressed, five thousand dollars of which have been paid in ready current
719 money at the execution hereof by said purchaser, through his said attorney, unto the said vendors, and for the balance of said price said Farley has promised two promisory notes for the sum of five thousand dollars each, drawn by said Samuel W. Vance to the order of said John M. Sandige, dated at Shreveport, La., the ninth day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and made payable, one thereof on the first day of January, (1871) eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and the other thereof on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and both bearing interest from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, which said notes having been paraphed by me, said notary, for identification herewith were delivered to the said vendors, who hereby acknowledges the receipt thereof, as well as of the said ready money. And in order to secure the punctual payment of said notes at maturity, as well as of all interest to accrue thereon, and, furthermore, to secure the payment and reimbursement of any and all lawyers' fees that may be expended or incurred (however, fixed at two per cent. of the amount in suit) in case of legal proceedings becoming necessary to enforce the payment of said notes, or either of them, the said vendors hereby retain a special mortgage and vendors' lien & privilege on aforedescribed property in favor of themselves, as well as of any and all future holder or holders of said notes, or either of them, and the
720 said Farley, for and on behalf of his said constituent, specially mortgages and hypothecates the property herein described in favor of said vendors, as well as of all future holders of said notes, or either of them, promising for and binding said Vance not to alienate, deteriorate, or incumber the said property to the prejudice of these presents. And the aforedescribed and herein conveyed property, is declared to have been the sole and separate property of said Mrs. Sandige, acquired by her as a daughter and heir of the late Geo. E. Gilmer, late of Bossier Parish, in this State, deceased. And again these presents personally came and appeared Mrs. Mary E. Gilmer, wife, of lawful age, of said John M. Sandige as aforesaid, who, after taking cognizance of the foregoing act, which I, the said notary, carefully read and explained to her, declared and said that she approves & ratifies the same, and that it is her wish and intention to release in favor of the said purchaser the property herein described from the matrimonial, paraphernal, and other rights, and from any claims, mortgages, and privileges to which she is or may be entitled, whether by virtue of her marriage with her husband or otherwise. Whereupon I, the said notary, did inform the said Mrs. Sandige, apart and out of the presence and hearing of her husband, and before receiving her signature hereto, that by the laws of this State the wife has a legal mortgage on the property of her husband: First, for the restitution of her dowery and for the reimbursement of dotal property sold by her husband, and which she brought in marriage, reckoning from the celebra-
721 tion of the marriage; secondly, for the restitution and reimbursement of the dotal property by her acquired since the marriage, whether by succession or donation, from the day the succession was opened or the donation perfected; thirdly, for nuptial presents; fourthly, for debts by her contracted with her husband, and, fifthly, for the amount of her paraphernal property, alienated by her and received by her husband or otherwise disposed of for his individual interest; that in making her in-

tended renunciation she would deprive herself irrevocably and forever of all rights of reclamation against the property herein described, whether under mortgage privilege or otherwise. And the said Mrs. Sandige did thereupon declare to me, notary, that she was fully aware of and acquainted with the nature and extent of the matrimonial, dotal, paraphernal, and other rights and privileges thus secured to her by law on the property of her said husband, and that she nevertheless did persist in her intention of renouncing, and does formerly renounce, not only of the rights, claims, and privileges hereinbefore enumerated and described, but all others of any nature and kind whatever to which she is or may be entitled by any laws now or heretofore in force in the State of Louisiana. And the said John M. Sandige being now present, aiding and authorizing the said Mrs. Sandige in the execution of these presents, she, the said Mrs. Sandige, did again declare that she did, and do hereby, make a formal renuncia-
722 tion and relinquishment of all her said matrimonial, dotal, paraphernal, and other rights, claims, privileges, in favor of said purchaser, binding herself and her heirs at all times to sustain and acknowledge the validity of this renunciation.

Thus done and passed in my office, at New Orleans aforesaid, in the presence of James Graham and George Cenas, witnesses, both of this city, who hereunto sign their names with the parties & me, the said notary, the day and date aforesaid.

Original.	(Signed)	MARY E. SANDIGE.
"	"	JOHN M. SANDIGE.
"	"	H. W. FARLEY.
"	"	JAS. GRAHAM.
"	"	GEO. CENAS.

ANDREW HERO, JR.,
Not. Public.

A true copy of the original (duly stamped $15.00) on file and of record in my office. New Orleans, La., January 4th, 1870.

(Signed) ANDREW HERO, JR.,
Notary Public.

Certificate attached to transfer.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CADDO PARISH.

I certify that the mortgage given by S. W. Vance for the purchase price of the plantation known and designated in said sale as South Side plantation, in favor of John M. Sandige and wife, was this day cancelled in full. Given under my hand officially this April 24th, A. D. 1872.

(Signed) JOHN H. HICKS,
D'y Recorder.

Notes attached to deed.

$5,000.] SHREVEPORT, LA., *Dec. 9th*, 1869.

723 On the first day of January, 1872, I promise to pay to John M. Sandige, or order, the sum of five thousand dollars in currency, with interest from 1st January, 1870, with eight per cent. per annum.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

(Written across the face:)

Ne varietur. Stamped in $\frac{a}{c}$.
New Orleans, La., January 4th, 1870.
(Sig'd) ANDREW HERO, JR.,
Notary Public.

(Endorsed:)

NEW ORLEANS, *4th March*, 1872.

Rec'ed of G. W. Sentell Co. five thousand eight hundred and eighty-one & $\frac{11}{100}$ dollars, in full payment of within note, being principal and interest to date.
(Signed) JNO. M. SANDIGE.

$5,000.] SHREVEPORT, LA., *Decem. 9th*, 1869.

On the first day of January, 1871, I promise to pay to John M. Sandige, or order, the sum of five thousand dollars in currency, with interest from 1st day of January, 1870, with eight per cent. per annum.
(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

(Written across the face:)

Ne varietur. Stamped in $\frac{a}{c}$.
New Orleans, La., January 4th, 1870.
(Signed) ANDREW HERO, JR.,
Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Rec'ed, New Orleans, February 10th, 1871, of G. W. Sentell & Co., on the within note, fifty-four hundred dollars.
(Signed) JOHN M. SANDIGE.

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence & marked 9, Oct. 25, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

Act of sale from L. D. Arick to S. W. Vance, filed and marked 10.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Caddo:

Be it known that this day, before me, Charles William Lewis, recorder & ex officio notary public in and for said parish, duly commissioned and sworn, came and appeared Lee D. Arick of Bossier Parish, who
724 declared that he does, by these present', grant, bargain, sell, convey, & deliver, with a full and complete guarantee and warranty of title, and with full subrogation of all rights and actions of warranty against the former owners of the property conveyed unto Samuel W. Vance, of same residence, present accepting sale, the following described lands, situated in the parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, to wit: The southwest quarter and west half of southeast quarter of section fourteen (14), township nineteen (19), range fourteen (14), containing two hundred and eight acres, more or less, to have and hold the said described lands unto the said purchaser, his heirs and assigns forever. This sale is made for the consideration for the sum of thirty-seven hundred and fifty dollars,

payable as follows: Twelve hundred and fifty dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, & for the balance the said purchaser has given his two notes, dated with this act, to the order of L. D. Arick, each for twelve hundred and fifty dollars, due respectively at one and two years from date, with 8% interest from date, & paraphed "Ne varietur," of this date, by me, notary, to identify them with this act; and in order to secure the punctual payment of said notes the said purchaser grants, & the vendor retains a special mortgage on said lands herein sold, the said purchaser agreeing not to alienate, deteriorate, or encumber the said lands to the prejudice of this mortgage, and that said mortgages
725 shall import confession of judgment. The certificate of mortgages is waived by the parties. It is agreed by the parties hereto that as soon as the title to the following land (which is now questionable) is perfected to said vendor he is to make conveyance of the same to this purchaser without any further consideration. The price mentioned in this act is to include the consideration of the conveyance of said following described lands, if the title under which the said Arick holds the same is determined to be good and perfect; but if this title is defective he is not to refund any part of said purchase price, to wit: The northeast quarter of section twenty-three (23), township nineteen (19), range fourteen, in Caddo Parish, La., or any land in said section twenty-three (23) which this vendor may have a good title to.

This done and passed at my office in said parish, in the presence of Reuben C. Sims and James M. Wilson, competent witnesses, on this the 20th day of June, A. D. 1869.

(Original signed) L. D. ARRICK.
" " S. W. VANCE.

Attest:
R. C. SIMS.
JAMES M. WILSON.
(Signed) C. W. LEWIS,
Recorder & ex officio Notary Public.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CADDO PARISH.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original act, and that the same has been duly stamped.

Witness my hand & official seal at Shreveport this 13th July, A. D. 1869.

(Signed) C. W. LEWIS,
Recorder, &c.

726 *Certificate attached to transfer.*

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CADDO PARISH, LA.

I certify the mortgage retained in the Scott land, purchased by S. W. Vance from L. D. Arick on 26th June, 1869, was this day cancelled in full by me. May 4th, 1872.

(Signed) JNO. N. HICKS,
D'y Recorder.

Notes attached to deed.

$1,250.] SHREVEPORT, LA., *June 26th*, 1869.

One year after date I promise to pay to the order of L. D. Arick, the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, (U. S. currency) for value received with 8 % interest from date.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

(Written across the face:)
Ne varietur.
June 26th, '69.

C. W. LEWIS,
Recorder & Not. Pub.

$1,250.] SHREVEPORT, LA., *June 26th*, 1869.

Two years after date I promise to pay to the order of L. D. Arick the sum of twelve hundred & fifty dollars, for value received, in U. S. currency, with 8 % interest from date.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

(Written across the face:)
Ne varietur.
June 26th, 1869.

C. W. LEWIS,
Recorder & Not. Pub.

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence, marked "10," Oct. 25, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Act of sale from Roswell Elmer to S. W. Vance, recorded vol. 5, page 693, book of conveyances.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known by these presents, that this day before me, Vincent Walker, a notary public in and for said parish and State, duly commissioned and sworn, personally came and appeared Roswell Elmer, jr. of said parish and State, who declared and said that for the consideration of twenty-
727 seven hundred and thirty dollars, to be paid as hereinafter mentioned, he does hereby bargain, sell, transfer, and set over and assign unto Samuel W. Vance, of the same residence, the following-described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situate in the parish of Caddo, to wit: The east half of the northwest quarter of section No. (3) three, in township No. (21) twenty-one north, of range fourteen (14.) west, in the northwestern land district of Louisiana; together with that part of fractional section No. (34) thirty-four, south of Red River, pointing or lying immediately north of the above-mentioned tract, containing in all ninety-one acres, with the understanding that if said tract shall fall short of said amount of acres, the said Elmer agrees to pay the said Vance at the rate of thirty dollars per acre for such deficit; and if, on the other hand, the said lot of parcel of land shall be found to contain more than ninety-one acres, the said Vance is to pay said Elmer thirty dollars per acre for said excess, and the said vendor hereby binds himself, his heirs, administrators, curators, and assigns forever, to warrant and defend the title to the

said lands unto the said purchaser, his heirs & administrators, curators, free from all legal claims and demands whatever. This sale is made for the above consideration, on a credit of twelve months after the raising of the blockade, so that cotton can be legitimately shipped to market and sold, & for which said sum the said Samuel W. Vance has this day executed and given his promissory note, in favor of the said Roswell
728 Elmer, or his order, for the twenty-seven hundred & thirty dollars, with eight per cent. interest thereon from date; the interest to be paid annually, and twelve months after the raising of the blockade, as above stated. Which said note is to be paid in specie, or its equivalent; which said note has this day been paraphed "ne varietur" by me, said notary, in order to identify it with this act of sale. And the better to secure the payment of said note and interest the said vendor retains, and the said purchaser hereby gives and grants unto the said vendor, a special mortgage and vendor's privilege on said land. The said purchaser hereby binding himself not to sell, alienate, or in any way to incumber the said land to the prejudice of this vendor, until the said notes, interest, and costs shall be paid. The certificate of mortgage from the recorder of mortgages for the parish of Caddo is waived and dispensed with, and me, said notary, held harmless.

Thus done & passed in the presence ofJ ohn J. Scott & John M. Nuckols, both of this parish, and who hereto sign their names with the parties and me, said notary, on this 11th day of March, A. D. 1862.

(Signed) ROSWELL ELMER.
" S. W. VANCE.

Attest:
JOHN J. SCOTT.
JOHN M. NUCKOLLS.
(Signed) V. WALKER,
Notary Public.

(Endorsed:) Filed for record June 10th, 1862. (Signed) Milton P. Long, recorder. The above transcript is a correct copy from the original on file in the recorder's office of this parish of Bossier.

729 *Act of sale from S. W. Vance to Sentell & Prather, recorded in vol. 5, page 701, book of conveyances.—Filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.*

STATE OF LOUISANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it kown by these presents that this day before me, Vincent Walker, a notary public in and for said parish and State, duly commissioned and sworn, personally came and appeared S. W. Vance, tutor for James B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance, minor heirs of Mary B. Gilmer, wife of said S. W. Vance, now deceased, said Mary B. Gilmer being one of the legal heirs of James B. Gilmer, dec'd, Martha G. Gilmer, and Elza L. Gilmer, wife of Rufus Y. Graves, all heirs of said James B. Gilmer, dec'd. The said Eliza L. Gilmer being herein assisted and aided in this sale by her said husband, Rufus Y. Graves, who also assigns this sale as authorizing his wife therein, who declared and said that for the consideration of twenty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-ffve dollars, cash in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, they do hereby bargain, sell, transfer, assign, and set over, with a full guarantee against all claims, suits, mortgages, or other troubles of every kind & nature whatever unto George W.

Sentell, of the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, & John M. Prather, late of New Orleans, now of Bossier Parish, who constitute the firm of Sentell & Prather, of New Orleans, the following-described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situate in Lafayette County, State of Ar-
730 kansas, to wit: Eighty acres on the north side of diagonal line running through the southeast quarter of section sixteen, the said eighty acres being contained in, & and the one-half part of the said southeast quarter of said section sixteen; the northeast fractional quarter of fractional section sixteen, containing one hundred and seventy-seven acres and fifty-one hundredths of an acre; the northwest quarter of section sixteen, containing one hundred and sixty acres; the northwest quarter of section seventeen, the northeast quarter of section seventeen, and fractional southeast quarter of section nine, fractional southeast quarter of section eight, fractional southwest quarter of section eight, and fractional northeast quarter section eighteen, all in township seventeen south, of range twenty-five west, containing in all seven hundred and fiffy-five acres and fifty hundredths of an acre, being that part of the Barnett plantation awarded to the heirs of James B. Gilmer, dec'd, by commissioners appointed for the purpose of dividing said plantation between the heirs of said Gilmer and James R. McClintock, and designated by said commissioners as lot No. 1.

To have and to hold the said lands unto the said purchasers, their heirs and assigns, free from all legal claims & demands whatever; and the said vendors hereby bind themselves, their heirs and assigns, to warrant & forever defend the titles unto the said land unto the said purchasers, their heirs and assigns, forever.

731 The certificate of mortgage from the recorder of mortgages is waived and dispensed with, and me, said notary, held harmless.

Thus done and passed before me in presence of Joshua J. Lewis & Rosborough W. Vance, who hereunto sign their names with the parties and me, notary, on this 9th day of July, A. D. 1862.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*
" MARTHA G. GILMER.
" ELIZA L. GRAVES.
" G. W. SENTELL.
" J. M. PRATHER.

Attest:
J. J. LEWIS.
R. W. VANCE.
(Signed) V. WALKER,
Notary Public.

The above is a true copy of the original act recorded this day, Sept. 12th, 1862.

(Signed) M. P. LONG, *Recorder.*

The above deed is a true copy from book 5, page 701 & 702 of book of conveyances for Bossier Parish.

Act of transfer from Joshua J. Lewis to S. W. Vance, recorded in vol. 5, of conveyances, page 705 & 706.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

Be it known by these presents that this day, before me, Vincent Walker,

a notary public in and for said parish and State, duly commissioned and sworn, personally came and appeared Joshua J. Lewis, of said parish and State, who declared and said that for the consideration of forty-five hundred dollars, cash in hand paid—the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged—he does hereby bargain, sell, transfer, assign, and set over, with a full guarantee against all claims, debts, suits, mortgages or other
732 troubles whatever, unto Samuel W. Vance, of same residence, the following described tracts or parcels of land, lying and being situate in the parish of Bossier, to wit: The northeast quarter of section No. six, the west half of southwest quarter of same section, the southeast quarter of same, the east half of southwest quarter of same section, the northwest quarter of same section (with the exception of certain fractional parts of said lands that have been previously sold to Richard Dalrymple), the northwest quarter of section eight, the east half of southwest quarter of same section, the west half of southwest quarter of same section, all in township twenty-one, range thirteen, and the east half of the northeast quarter of section one, in township twenty-one, of range fourteen, all within the district of land, subject to sale at Natchitoches, Louisiana, and containing in all one thousand and thirteen acres, more or less, to have and to hold the said lands unto the said purchaser, his heirs and assigns forever, and the said vendor hereby binds himself, his heirs, administrators, curators, and assigns, to warrant and forever defend the titles to the said lands unto the said purchaser, his heirs, administrators, curators, and assigns, free from all legal claims and demands whatever. The certificate of mortgage from the recorder of mortgages for the parish of Bossier is waived and dispensed with & me, said notary, held harmless. Thus done and passed before me, in presence of G. W. Sentell & Joseph B. Winston, both of this parish, who hereto sign their names with the parties and me,
733 said notary, on this 9th day of August, A. D. 1862.

(Signed) JOSHUA J. LEWIS.
(") S. W. VANCE.

Attest: G. W. SENTELL.
" J. B. WINSTON.

(Signed) V. WALKER, *Notary Public.*

(Endorsed:) Filed for record Sept. 9th, A. D. 1862. (Signed) Milton P. Long, recorder.

The above deed is a correct copy of the original now on file in the recorder's office of this parish. Filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

Act of partition between the heirs of Geo. E. Gilmer.

(See T., 524 to 534.)

Act of sale from R. Y. Graves, tutor, to S. W. Vance, tutor, taken from pages 47 & 48, *vol.* 6, *conveyances of Bossier Parish.*

STATE of LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Know all men by these presents that I, Ph. Alden, sheriff & ex officio auctioneer in and for the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, by

virtue of a commission issued from the honorable district court of said parish, dated 24th day of October, 1864, and to me directed, authorizing me, said auctioneer, to sell, after legal advertisement, the following described lands, situated in the parish of Bossier, belonging to the minors Mattie Graves, Washington V. Graves, and Mary Eliza Graves, heirs of Eliza L. Graves, deceased, to wit: The west half of the southwest quarter of section fifteen, township twenty-two, range thirteen, containing about eighty acres. Also the third part in value of the Plaindealing
734 plantation, to wit, the west half of section fourteen, all of section fifteen, except the west half of the southeast quarter, and the northwest quarter of section twenty-two, township twenty-two, and range thirteen, in all one thousand & eighty acres. After the coming of said commission to me, I, for more than thirty entire days, gave public notice by written advertisements posted up at three of the most public places in said parish (there being no newspapers published in said parish), to wit, one on the door of the storehouse of W. E. Hamilton, at Filmore, and one on the door of the storeroom of B. W. Stewman, at Rocky Mount, giving notice that I would sell said lands as the Bee Bend plantation, on the 29th day of November, A. D. 1864, at public auction, for cash, provided the appraised value thereof be bid, otherwise on a credit of twelve months; and pursuant to said commission & written advertisement, I, at the time and place notified in said advertisements, and within the legal hours of sale, did offer said lands, and after having cried the same they were knocked off to Sam'l W. Vance, tutor to the minors Sarah E. Vance, Mary B. G. Vance, and Samuel W. Vance, jr., for the sum of six thousand dollars, he being the last and highest bidder, and said Samuel W. Vance, tutor as aforesaid, having complied with the terms of sale, and having paid said sum of six thousand dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I have and do hereby adjudicate said lands to his said minor wards, and transfer and deliver the same, with as full warrantee of title as I am empowered
735 by said commission and the law to make; and hereto comes Sam'l W. Vance, tutor aforesaid, and in behalf of his minor wards aforesaid accepts said sale and transfer, in compliance of an order of said court, instructing him to invest certain funds belonging to said minors in lands, for their special use and benefit. In testimony whereof I, said Alden, sheriff and auctioneer, and said Samuel W. Vance, tutor, now sign our names in the presence of John R. Griffin and John G. McMath, witnesses of lawful age, and domiciled in said parish, on this 29th day of November, 1864.

(Sig'd) PHILO ALDEN, *Auctioneer.*
" S. W. VANCE, *Tutor.*

Attest:
(S) JOHN R. GRIFFIN.
" JOHN S. MCMATH.

A true record of original act March 29, '65.
(Signed) M. P. LONG, *Recorder.*

The above act of sale is a correct copy as taken from vol. 6, pages 47 & 48, book of conveyances.
Filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

Act of sale from Walsh & Boisseau, as taken from vol. 7, pages 423 to 428, book of conveyances.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Caddo:

Walsh & Boisseau to S. W. Vance.

Be it tknown that this day before me, Charles William Lewis, recorder & ex officio notary public in and for said parish of Caddo, duly commissioned and sworn, came & appeared Messrs. Walsh & Boisseau, of Shreveport, composed of Richard Walsh & Joseph Boisseau, who declared
736 that they do by these presents grant, bargain, sell, convey, and assign, with full and complete warranty and guarantee of title, unto Samuel W. Vance, of Bossier Parish, present accepting sale, the following-described tract of land, situated on Red River, in the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, commencing at the northeast corner of section twenty-nine (29), township nineteen (19), range thirteen (13); thence west along the section line between sections twenty-nine & twenty (29 & 20) twenty-seven chains fifteen links to a stake established at a corner; thence from said stake the line runs south 42½ degrees (forty-two and one-half) *degrees* west thirty chains & thirty links to another stake; thence west twenty-eight chains & fifty-five links (28c. 55l.) to another stake; thence south forty-two and one-half (42½) degrees west to a stake on bank of Red River, embracing all the land in section' twenty-nine & thirty south of said description line, which line divides the lands herein conveyed (and known as the Grove place) from the plantation known as "Cash Point," the present line of fence between the two places being exactly on the line. The quantity of land in said sections 29 & 30 is six hundred and thirty-three acres. Also, all that part of west half of northeast quarter, and all that part of the northwest quarter of section thirty-two (32) in said township and range, which is north of or on the upper side of the bayou known as Benoit's Bayou, containing about one hundred acres, and includes the whole channel of said bayou from its outlet at Red River down to the first high bank
737 south of the bayou, as reserved in certain act of sale made to David Gilmer, who purchased from the vendors that part of the northwest quarter of section No. thirty-two (32), lying south of or below said bayou, and from thence the middle of the bayou going down forms the south boundary of what is known as the Grove place, herein sold. To have & to hold said lands unto said purchaser, his heirs and assigns, forever.

This sale is made for the consideration of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars, payable as follows, viz: Eleven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for the balance, to wit, eleven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, the purchaser has given his own note of date hereof, to the order of Messrs. Walsh & Boisseau, due 1st day of January next, for said sum, with 8 % interest after maturity, and paraphed "ne varietur" of this date by me, notary, to identify it with this act; and in order to secure the full & punctual payment of said note, the vendors retain and the purchaser grant' a special mortgage on said land. The said purchaser agrees not to alienate or incumber same to the prejudice of this act of mortgage, and also agrees

that this mortgage shall import a confession of judgment, and shall waive benefit of apprais'ment. The certificate of mortgages from the recorder of Bossier Parish is waived by the parties.

Done and passed at my office, in said parish of Caddo, in the pres-
738 ence of Ike E. Hunter & William H. Eltsner, competent witnesses, on this 26th day of May, A. D. 1869.

(Signed) RICHARD WALSH.
" JOSEPH BOISSEAU.
" S. W. VANCE.

Attest:
(Sig') J. C. HUNTER.
" W. H. ELTSNER.

(Signed) C. W. LEWIS,
Recorder & Ex officio Not. Pub.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CADDO PARISH, LA.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original act this day filed for record in my office, and that the same is stamped with twenty-two & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars U. S. int. revenue stamps, according to law.

Witness my hand and the impress of my official seal, at Shreveport, La., on this 26th day of May, 1869.

(Signed) C. W. LEWIS,
Recorder of Caddo.

Filed and recorded June 9th, 1869.
(Signed) H. W. CLARK, *Recorder.*

The above act of sale is a correct copy taken from vol. 7, pages 423 & 424, conveyances Bossier Parish, filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

Act of sale from succession of J. W. Vance to S. W. Vance, recorded vol. 7, page 583 to 585.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
P'h of Bossier:

To all whom these presents shall come I, Edward Kendall Russ, sheriff in and for the parish & State aforesaid, send greeting:

Whereas by virtue of a writ of sale to me directed from the honorable the parish court in and for the parish of Bossier, in suit of John C. Vance et al. vs. Executors and other heirs of James Washington Vance, dec'd, on the probate docket No. 1357, authorizing and commanding the sale, after the legal delays and advertisements, of all the real property to be
739 found in said parish of Bossier, belonging to the said James Washington Vance, deceased, and further commanding that the same be sold for cash, with the benefit of appraisement, and in the event of the same, or any portion thereof, failing to bring the appraised value cash, the same to be readvertised and sold for what it will bring on a credit of twelve months; credit purchasers to give twelve month bonds for the full amount of the purchase price, with interest @ 8 % per annum from day of sale, with approved personal security, conditioned upon the prompt and faithful payment of the purchase price upon the day and date when the

same shall fall due. And whereas, after the coming of said writ to me, I did, by virtue thereof, advertise for thirty clear days next preceding the day of sale, by a publication in the Bossier Banner, the only newspaper published weekly in said parish of Bossier, that I would sell the hereinafter described lands at public auction to the last and highest bidder at the residence of the said Jamer Washington Vance, in said parish of Bossier, on Saturday, the 20th day of November, A. D. 1869, and that I would sell the same for cash with the benefit of appraisement. When on said day, at said place and within the legal hours of sale, after having read said writ of a sale, a mortgage certificate from the recorder of mortgages of Bossier Parish, and a copy of said advertisement, I offered the following lots of forty acres each, in succession, viz:

No. 1. NW. ¼ of SE. ¼ sec. 22, T. 22, R. 14.
" 2. SW. ¼ of SE. ¼ do. do. do.
740 Lot No. 3. NW. ¼ of NE. ¼ sec. 27, township 22, range 14.
" " 4. NE. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " " " "
" " 5. NW. ¼ " NW. ¼ " 26, " " " "
" " 6. SW. ¼ " NE. ¼ " 27, " " " "
" " 7. SE. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " " " "
" " 8. SW. ¼ " NW. ¼ " 26, " " " "
" " 9. NW. ¼ " SE. ¼ " 27, " " " "
" " 10. NE. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " " " "
" " 11. SW. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " " " "
" " 12. SE. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " " " "

and after crying the same a sufficient length of time in a loud and audible voice, the same was knocked off and adjudicated to Samuel W. Vance, of the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, for the sum and price of twenty-five cents per acre (25c.), making for each lot the sum of ten dollars (10.00) and for said twelve lots the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars (120.00.) I next offered the undivided ⅓ interest in the following described lands, to wit: Lot No. one, consisting of the northwest quarter of northwest quarter of section twenty, township twenty, of range thirteen, containing forty acres more or less, when the same was knocked off and adjudicated to the said S. W. Vance, at the sum and price of one dollar and ten cents per acre (1.10), making for the lot the sum of forty-four dollars ($44.00), one-third of which is 14.$\frac{66}{100}$, fourteen dollars .66⅔.

I next offered in succession the following described forty-acre lots, to wit:

Lot No. 2. SW. ¼ of NW. ¼ sec. 20, township 20, R. 13.
" " 3. SW. ¼ " NW. " " " " " "
741 Lot No. 4. SE. ¼ of NW. ¼ of sec. 20, town. 20, range 13.
" " 5, NW. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " " " " " "
" " 6. NE. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " " " " " "
" " 7. SE. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " " " " " "
" " 8. SW. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " " " " " "
" " 9. NW. ¼ " NW. ¼ " " 28, " " " " "
" " 10. NE. ¼ " NW. ¼ " " " " " " " "
" " 11. NW. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " " " " " "
" " 12. NE. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " " " " " "
" " 13. SW. ¼ " NW. ¼ " " " " " " " "

" " 14. SE. ¼ " NW. ¼ " " " " " " "
" " 15. SW. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " " " " "
" " 16. SE. ¼ " NE. ¼ " " " " " " "
" " 17. NW. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " " " " "
" " 18. NE. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " " " " "
" " 19. NW. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " " " " "
" " 20. NE. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " " " " "
" " 21. SW. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " " " " "
" " 22. SE. ¼ " SW. ¼ " " " " " " "
" " 23. SW. ¼ " SE. ¼ " " " " " " "

each containing (40) forty acres, more or less, and after crying each lot for a sufficient length of time in a loud and audible voice, they were successively knocked of' and adjudicated to the said Samuel W. Vance at the sum and price of seventy-five cents (75c.) per acre, making for each lot the sum of thirty dollars (30.00), one-third of which is ten dollars (10.00) and for the tract the sum of six hundred and ninety dollars, one-third of which is ($230) two hundred & thirty dollars, the said Samuel Whitfield Vance being the last and highest bidder for each of said lots, and bidding
742 an amount on each lot equal the appraised value thereof at the prices aforesaid, and resulting in all to the full sum of ($364.66⅔) three hundred & sixty-four $\frac{66\frac{2}{3}}{100}$ doll'rs, and having complied with the terms of sale by paying said sum cash in hand, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, know ye, therefore that I, the said Edward Kendall Russ, sheriff in and for State and parish aforesaid, by virtue of said writ of sale and the statutes of this State in such cases made and provided, and in consideration of said sum of ($364.66⅔) three hundred & sixty-four & $\frac{66\frac{2}{3}}{100}$ dollars paid by said Samuel Whitfield Vance as aforesaid, have granted, bargained, and sold, and do by these present' grant, bargain, sell, convey, transfer, and deliver unto the said Sam'l Whitfield Vance all the right, title, or interest which the said James Washington Vance, dec'd, had or now hath in and to said lots of land hereinbefore described as aforesaid, to have & to hold unto the said purchaser, his heirs, and assigns, forever, as fully and absolutely as I, the said Edward Kendall Russ, sheriff as aforesaid, could or ought to sell and convey the same. In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand officially in presence of W. C. Vance & J. C. Vance, witnesses competent, on this twenty-ninth day of November, 1869 (eighteen hundred and sixty-nine).

(Signed) E. K. RUSS, *Sheriff.*

Attest: W. C. VANCE.
" J. C. VANCE.

Filed for record Nov. 29th, 1869. A true record duly recorded
743 this 2d day of Dec., 1869. Original stamped according to law.
(Signed) A. A. MIMS, *Recorder.*

The above is a true copy of the act of sale as taken from volume 7, pages 583, 584, & 585, book of conveyances for Bossier Parish, filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

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Act of sale from J. Campbell to S. W. Vance, recorded vol. 8, page 218, conveyances of Bossier Parish.—Filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known that on this the (4) fourth day of May, 1871, that I, Jessie Campbell, have bargained, sold, & mortgaged to Samuel W. Vance, both residents of Bossier Parish, State of Louisiana, my two horses, one mare, dark chesnut sorrel, "Flora," one horse, blazed face sorrel, flax mane and tail, "Billy," and fifteen head of hogs, one two-horse wagon, together with my entire interest in the present growing crop on the Plaindealing plantation for the year 1871. The consideration for same, the above property, being the amount of two hundred and thirty dollars for supplies furnished me and my family for the present year, 1871, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by me and my wife, Mary Campbell. She binds her interest in said crops and property for the above supplies furnished us jointly, all of said property now being on said Plaindealing plantation. This done & signed by S. W. Vance, a resident of Bossier Parish & State of Louisiana, and by Jessie Campbell & wife, also residents of Bossier Parish,
744 State of Louisiana. Thus signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of Joseph P. Vance and Samuel J. Zeigler, both lawful witnesses and domiciled in said parish and State, May the 4th, 1871. Witness our hand and seal.

(Signed) JESSIE his + mark. CAMPBELL.

" MARY her + mark. CAMPBELL.

" S. W. VANCE.

Attest:
J. P. VANCE.
S. J. ZIEGLER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared S. J. Zeigler, who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he was present and saw the parties to the foregoing act sign the same for the purpose therein contained; that he signed himself as a witness with J. P. Vance the other witness; that he now recognizes their signatures with his own, and knows them to be genuine.

(Signed) S. J. ZEIGLER.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this May 17th, 1871.

(Signed) R. B. TAYLOR, *D'y Recorder.*

A true record filed for record, and recorded this May 17, 1871, the original with 50c. internal revenue stamp and cancelled.

(Signed) R. B. TAYLOR, *D'y Recorder.*

The above act of sale is a correct copy as taken from vol. 8, page 218, book of conveyances, filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

Act of sale from S. W. Vance to T. J. Vance, recorded vol. 8, page 216, conveyances.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known that on this the 7th day of April, 1869, that Samuel
745 Whitfield Vance, of the parish & State aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred & ninety dollars, cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have this day bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, release, convey, and confirm unto Thomas Jefferson Vance, also of *of* the parish and State aforesaid, the south fractional part of section six (6), township twenty-one (21) north, of range thirteen (13) west, northwestern district of Louisiana, containing one hundred and fifty-six & $\frac{21}{100}$ acres, more or less. To have and to hold the said Thos. Jefferson Vance, his heirs and assigns forever, and to him, his heirs, & assigns, the titles to said lands are fully warranted against all legal claims & demands whatever. Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of April, 1869.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

Witness:
(S'g'd) H. W. OGDEN,
(S'g'd) S. J. ZEIGLER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came & appeared S. J. Zeigler, who, after being by me duly sworn, says under oath that he was present and saw the parties to the within act sign the same for the purpose therein contained; that he signed himself as a witness with H. W. Ogden; that he now recognizes all their signatures with his own, and knows them to be genuine.

(S'g'd) S. J. ZEIGLER.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of May, A. D. 1871.

(Signed) R. B. TAYLOR,
D'y Recorder.

746 (Endorsed:) Filed for record & recorded on the 17th day of May, A. D. 1871. U. S. internal revenue stamps duly fixed to the amount of fifty cents & cancelled according to law.

(Signed) R. P. TAYLOR,
D'y Recorder.

The above is a true copy as taken from vol. 8, pages 218, conveyances' filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

Act of sale from R. Gates to S. W. Vance, vol. 8, page 217, book of conveyance, Bossier Parish.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

BUCK HALL, *May 10th*, 1871.

Be it known that I, Richard Gates, a resident of Bossier Parish, State of Louisiana, have this day bargained, sold, and delivered to Samuel W.

Vance, a resident of said parish and State, one bay mare, named Puss, dark bay, one cow, six head hogs, ½ interest in one two-horse wagon, for and in consideration of two hundred and fifty dollars, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. Done and signed in presence of Allen L. Chapman & Samuel J. Zeigler, both witnesses of lawful age and residents of said parish and State. This May 10th, 1871.

(Signed) RICHARD his + mark. GATES.

Attest: S. J. ZEIGLER.
" A. L. CHAPMAN.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Before me, the undersigned authority personally, came & appeared S. J. Zeigler, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says that he was present and saw the parties to the within act of sale sign the same for the purpose therein contained; that he signed himself as a witness with A. L. Chapman, the other witness; that he now recognizes all their signatures with his own, and knows them to be genuine.
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(Signed) S. J. ZEIGLER.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th May, 1871.
(Signed) R. B. TAYLOR,
D'y Recorder.

A true record. Filed for record & recorded this 17th day of May 1871, the original with 50c. U. S. internal revenue stamp affixed and cancelled.
(Signed) R. B. TAYLOR,
D'y Recorder.

The above act of sale is a true copy, as taken from vol. 8, page 217, book of conveyances, filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

Act of sale from Peach Willis to S. W. Vance, vol. 9, pages 423 & 424, book of conveyances.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it remembered that Peach Willis have this day bargained, sold, & delivered to S. W. Vance, all of this parish & State, the following described property, viz: One bay horse poney, one bay mare mule, one black sow. The said S. W. Vance has paid me in full for said property in the sum of two hundred dollars, cash in hand, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. The said S. W. Vance accepts and holds said property in full, and this said property has been delivered to him in the presence of A. L. Chapman and Robert C. Stinson, both lawful witnesses, and residents of the said parish and State.

(Signed) PEACH his + mark. WILLIS.
" S. W. VANCE.

Attest: R. C. STINSON,
" A. L. CHAPMAN.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

On this day personally came & appeared R. C. Stinson, who de-
748 poses and says that he was present and saw the foregoing parties to said act sign their names for the purpose therein contained; signed himself as a witness with A. L. Chapman, the other witness; that he now recognizes all of their signatures and knows them to be genuine.

(Sign') R. C. STINSON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this July 20th, '74.

(Signed) J. T. ALLEN,
D'y Recorder.

Filed and recorded July 20th, 1874.

(Signed) J. T. ALLEN,
D'y Rec'r.

The above is a correct copy as taken from vol. 9, conveyances, parish of Bossier.

Act of sale from S. W. Vance to Watkins & Ward, vol. 9, pages 476 to 477, book of conveyances.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known by these presents that I, Samuel Whitfield Vance, of said parish & State, have this day sold, transferred, assigned, and set over unto Isaac Watkins & Frank Ward, of same residence, the following described tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the parish of Bossier, to wit: The northwest quarter of section No. 8, in township 20, of range 13, containing one hundred and fifty-nine acres and fifty-three hundredths. The said Isaac Watkins & Frank Ward is to pay to the said Samuel Whitfield Vance the sum of eight hundred dollars in U. S. currency in four promissory notes, to wit: The said Isaac Watkins gives his two promissory notes, one made payable on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, for the sum of two hundred dollars, with 8 % interest from date, and his second promissory note due 1st of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, with 8 per cent. interest from date. And the
749 said Frank Ward gives his two promissory notes, one made payable the first of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, with eight per cent. interest from date; the second promissory note made payable the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, with eight per cent. interest from date. The said vendor hereby binds himself, his heirs, administrators, curators, and assigns forever to warrant and defend the title to the said land unto the said purchasers, their heirs, administrators, curators, free from all legal claims and demands whatever. And the better to secure the payment of said notes and interest, the vendor retains, and the said purchasers hereby give and grant unto the said vendor as special mortgage & vendors' privilege on said lands, said purchasers binding themselves not to alienate, sell, or in any way to incumber the said lands to the prejudice of this vendor until the said notes, interest, and costs shall have been paid. Thus done and passed in the presence of S. J. Zeigler & Patrick Fleming, both of this parish, who hereunto sign their names on this

15th day of October, 1874. Interlined on 7th line, 1st page, "tract." Interlined on 2d page, 6th line, "with eight per cent. interest from date," both previous to signing.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.
" S. E. VANCE.

Attest:
S. J. ZEIGLER.
P. FLEMING.

STATE LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Before me, the undersigned authority, this day came and appeared P. Fleming, who deposes and says that he signed the foregoing act as a
750 witness; S. J. Zeigler, the other witness, that he saw the contracting parties sign the same for the purposes therein mentioned, and that he now recognizes all the signatures and knows them to be genuine.

Sworn to and subscribed on this 29th day of October, 1874.

(Signed) P. FLEMING.
" L. W. BRASHIER,
Recorder.

Filed and duly recorded on this 29th of Oct., 1874.

(Signed) L. W. BRASHIER,
Recorder.

The above act of sale is a true copy, taken from vol. 9, pages 748 to 750, book of conveyances, filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

Act of sale from S. W. Vance to R. W. Vance, vol. 10, *page* 8 *&* 9, *book of conveyances.*

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it known that on this 13th day of April, A. D. 1875 (eighteen hundred and seventy-five), that I, Samuel W. Vance, of the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, for the consideration hereinafter expressed, do by these present, grant, bargain, sell, convey, transfer, assign, set over to, unto Roxborough W. Vance, of this same residence, State of Louisiana, parish of Bossier, a certain tract of land, being the southeast quarter of section six, township twenty-one, range thirteen, lying east of the Shreveport and Arkansas road, and bounded on the east by lands belonging to Mrs. M. A. Dalrymple, and on the north by land belonging to S. W. Vance, and on the south by land belonging to Chester Smith, & on the west by land belonging to S. W. Vance, and containing (40) forty acres, more or less, and hath such shape, marks, & boundaries as
751 will more fully appear by a map made by C. McCleneghan, surveyor, to have and to hold the said property unto the said purchaser, his heirs and assigns, forever. This sale is made and accepted for & in consideration of the price and sum of one hundred & eighty dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. This

done and signed in the presence of C. M'Cleneghan & James E. Cox, both being lawful witnesses and domiciliated in this said parish & State.

Thus done and signed on the 13th day of April, 1875, at Buck Hall.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.
" R. W. VANCE.

Attest: JAS. E. COX.
" C. MCCLANAGHAN.

I, Sallie E. Vance, wife of S. W. Vance, do hereby renounce & relinquish all my title & claim in and to the above-uescribed land to the said Roxborough W. Vance.

Done this 13th day of April, 1875, in the presence of Jas. E. Cox & C. McLanaghan, witnesses.

(Signed) SALLIE E. VANCE.

Signed in the presence of James E. Cox & C. McClanaghan. I au thorize my wife, Sallie E. Vance, to sign the above.

Apr. 13th, '75.

(S'g'd) S. W. VANCE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

Before me, the undersigned au thority, personally came & appeared Jas. E. Cox, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he saw the parties to the foregoing sign the same for the purpose therein contained; that he signed himself, with C. McClanaghan, the other witness; that he now recognizes all the signatures, and knows them to be genuine.

(Signed) JAS. E. COX.

752 Sworn to and subscribed before me this April 27th, 1875.

(Signed) W. D. SLAYTON,
D'y Recorder.

Filed & recorded April 29th, A. D. 1875.

(Signed) W. D. SLAYTON,
D'y Recorder.

The above is a true copy, as taken from vol. 10, pages 8 & 9, book of conveyances, and filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

Act of sale from S. W. Vance to R. Y. Graves, vol. 10, *pages* 152 & 153, *conveyances.*

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

Be it remembered that this day, before me, Thos. William Woodruff, a notary public in and for said State & parish aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, personally came and appeared Samuel Whitfield Vance, and Sarah E. Vance, his wife, both residents of the State of Louisiana, parish of Bossier, who declared that, for and in consideration of nine hundred dollars ($900), cash in hand to them paid, by Rufus Yancey Graves, of same residence, and tutor for the minors, Martha G. Graves, Washington Graves, & Mary E. Graves, children of Eliza L. Graves, deceased, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, they do hereby grant, bargain, convey, and sell, and guarantee full title and complete transfer of all their rights of action of warranty against the property herein conveyed unto the

said R. Y. Graves, tutor as aforesaid, the following described property, to wit:

All that piece or parcel of land known & described as follows:
753 All that part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter and that part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section (32) thirty-two, township nineteen (19), range thirteen (13), north of Benoit's Bayou, beginning in the middle of said bayou on Elmer line, dividing the east half of the east half of said section into east & west halfs; thence along said line north 30° 75′ to corner made by Mr. Elmer, surveyor in the Shady Grove land; thence along the section line north 89° 59′, west 5° 75′, to the corner of Dr. T. J. Vance's land south 30° west, 28½° 47′ to the middle of Benoit's Bayou in an easterly direction to the point of beginning, and containing in all eighteen (18) acres, more or less; to have and to hold, with all the improvements & appurt'nances thereto belonging, unto Rufus Y. Graves, tutor aforesaid, for the use & benefit of said minors, their heirs and assigns, in full property forever. And here the said S. W. Vance declared that the property by them conveyed is free of mortgages or incumbrances of any kind whatsoever, with which declaration the said R. Y. Graves expressed himself satisfied, and dispensed with the certificate from the recorder of said parish of Bossier, showing what mortgages, if any, exist on said property, thereby exonerating me, notary, from all responsibility in the premises. Thus done and passed at the residence of said S. W. Vance in said parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on the fourth day day of the month of December in the year of our Lord
754 eighteen hundred and seventy-five, in the presence of Thomas J. Vance & S. J. Zeigler, competent witnesses, who hereto sign their names with said parties, vendor & vendee, with me, notary public.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.
" S. E. VANCE.
R. Y. GRAVES,
Natural Tutor.
(Signed) THOS. WOODRUFF,
Notary Public.

Attest: T. J. VANCE.
" S. J. ZEIGLER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Bossier:*

The said Sarah E. Vance, wife of S. W. Vance, having been by me, notary, made acquainted with the contents of the foregoing instrument of writing in an examination, separate and apart from her said husband, acknowledges that she executed the same without compulsion or under the influence of her said husband, and that she does hereby relinquish her dower in the land herein conveyed, and also, all of her rights and advantages under and by virtue of the law relating to the exemption of homestead voluntarily and freely, & that she does not wish to retract. Given under my hand officially at the residence of said S. W. Vance in the parish of Bossier, on this the 10th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seventy-five.

(Signed) THOS. W. WOODRUFF, *Not. Pub.*

Filed for record & recorded Decem. 28th, 1875.
(Signed) W. D. SLAYTON, *Recorder.*

The above is a correct copy as taken from vol. 10, pages 152 & 153, book of conveyances.

Filed in evidence Oct. 25th, 1878.

755 *Inventory in Caddo Parish in succ'n of S. W. Vance, offered in evidence, with leave to substitute certified copy.*

(See pages 421 to 427 T.)

Inventory in Bossier Parish in succession of S. W. Vance, offered in evidence, with leave to substitute certified copy.

(See T, pages 414 to 421.)

Testimony of Joannes Smith.

JOANNES SMITH, sworn (on part of opp'ts), states: That he is the deputy clerk of the district court & parish court of Bossier Parish, and has entire control of the records, and is familiar with the same; knows of no other judgment of court authorizing S. W. Vance, tutor, to cultivate the lands of his minor children, except that granted and signed in the year 1876.

(The counsel for ex't'x & intervenors objected to this testimony as parol, when the written record alone is the best evidence; which objections were overruled by the court & the testimony received and introduced.)

Certified copy of partition & final settlement of the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer of Alabama.—Filed in evidence, marked 11.

DECEMBER 13TH, 1861.

WRIT OF DISTRIBUTION OF SLAVES.

State of Alabama, Mongomery court of probate, to Jno. H. Robin-
756 son, Samuel L. Arrington, Samuel H. Cochran, Jones, & T. B. Bethel:

Whereas, on the application of Francis M. Gilmer & James M. Gilmer, the executors of the last will and testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, an order was made in said court, on the 12th of November, 1861, for the division and distribution of the slaves, the property of said testator, among the residuary legatees of said will, and appointing you as the commissioners to make said division and distribution, these are to command you that you divide the said negroes, which will be exhibited to you by said executors, into two lots, equal in value and equitably as far may be, and that you then assign one lot to Mrs. Martha A. Gilmer, the other lot remaining to be divided as follows: Into three lots, equitably and equal in value, as far as may be, and of the three lots that you assign one to Miss Martha G. Gilmer, one to Mrs. Eliza L. Graves, and one to Jas. B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance. If the said negroes cannot be divided equitably as above directed without a sale of all of them, or a portion of them, you will so report to this court, and what portion of them must be sold to effect an equitable division as aforesaid, and you will make returns to this court of your proceedings, in writing, signed by you, on or before the 2d Monday

of January, 1862, and before you make such division or distribution you will take an oath to make the same fairly and impartially, if the same can be made.

757 Witness, David Campbell, judge of the court of probate of said county, this 13th day of December, 1861.

(Signed) D. CAMPBELL,
J. P. M. C.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Montgomery County:

Before me, D. H. Wirkman, a justice of the peace in and for said county, personally appeared Sam'l L. Arrington, Jason G. Jones, & Sam'l H. Cahran, commissioners named in the above commission, who, being sworn, on oath, severally, each for himself, that they will make the distribution of the slaves of the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, as directed in and by said commission fairly & impartially if the same can be made.

(Signed) SAM. L. ARRINGTON.
" JASON G. JONES.
" SAM'L H. COCHRAN.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 17th day of December, 1861.
(Signed) D. H. WIRKMAN, *J. P.*

Distribution.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Montgomery County:

Court of probate.

To the Hon. David Campbell, judge of said court:

In obedience to the writ of distribution which is herewith returned with this report attached thereto, the undersigned having first taken an oath to make the distribution in said writ directed fairly & impartially, if the same could be done, and which oath is in writing, signed by

758 us, and attached on the same sheet of paper with said writ of distribution, did, on Tuesday the 17th day of December, 1861, proceed to make and did distribute the negroes therein mentioned, as follows:

First, we appraised the negroes at their supposed value as follows:

Abram,	appraised	at.....	1,000 00
Aggy,	"	".....	450 00
Margaret,	"	".....	800 00
Charlotte,	"	".....	600 00
Jolly,	"	".....	700 00
Major,	"	".....	350 00
Minnie,	"	".....	350 00
Frank Goodwin,	"	".....	1,000 00
Peter,	"	".....	1,200 00
Jack Gregory,	"	".....	1,000 00

	Lavinia,	"	"	175 00
	Bannister,	"	"	400 00
	Abraham,	"	"	300 00
	Nero,	"	"	900 00
	Amos,	"	"	1,100 00
	Sam,	"	"	750 00
	Peggy,	"	"	500 00
	Sandy,	"	"	1,000 00
	Crawford,	"	"	800 00
	Jennette,	"	"	800 00
	Russel,	"	"	1,100 00
	Charley,	"	"	300 00
	Dave,	"	"	1,000 00
	William,	"	"	1,200 00
	Gabe,	"	"	1,050 00
	Margaret,	"	"	300 00
759	Daniel,	appraised	at	600 00
	Ephram,	"	"	1,000 00
	Sophia,	"	"	700 00
	Martha & child,	"	"	1,100 00
	Ryal,	"	"	900 00
	Wagatt,	"	"	900 00
	Burke,	"	"	900 00
	Ailsy,	"	"	625 00
	Elmira,	"	"	300 00
	Dicy or Deca,	"	"	200 00
	Benton,	"	"	1,200 00
	Andrew,	"	"	1,200 00
	Randall,	"	"	1,200 00
	Jefferson,	"	"	600 00
	Amosby,	"	"	200 00
	Miles,	"	"	1,200 00
	Jacob,	"	"	1,200 00
	Sophia,	"	"	1,200 00
	Stephen,	"	"	300 00
	Rachel,	"	"	300 00
	Nancy,	"	"	800 00
	Ephraim,	"	"	1,200 00
	Gabriel,	"	"	1,000 00
	Jefferson,	"	"	800 00
	Milly Ann,	"	"	800 00
	Essex,	"	"	630 00
	Leroy,	"	"	650 00
	Simeon,	"	"	200 00
	Jim,	"	"	1,000 00
	Joe, subject to fits,	"	"	000 00
	Phoebe,	"	"	900 00
	Doctor,	"	"	900 00
	John,	"	"	1,200 00
760	Dark Ann,	appraised	at	450 00
	Louisa,	"	"	200 00

Matilda,	"	"	175 00
Crawford,	"	"	1,100 00
July Ann,	"	"	300 00
Mary,	"	"	350 00
Edna,	"	"	200 00
Ezekiel,	"	"	150 00
Strother,	"	"	1,200 00
Bob,	"	"	500 00
Old Betsy,	"	"	000 00
Bill Franklin,	"	"	1,050 00
George,	"	"	1,200 00
Jerry,	"	"	1,100 00
Hannah,	"	"	950 00
Jim Carter,	"	"	1,050 00
Mike,	"	"	900 00
Judge,	"	"	1,050 00
Jackson,	"	"	1,000 00
John Goodwyn,	"	"	1,100 00
Jinks,	"	"	1,200 00
Oscar,	"	"	200 00
Old Ned,	"	"	000 00
Russell,	"	"	500 00
Malinda,	"	"	500 00
Laura,	"	"	1,000 00
Aggregate value			$61,500 00
One-half valued at			$30,750 00

These negroes were then divided by us into two lots of equal value as we could make them, as follows:

LOT NO. ONE (1).

	Old Jefferson, appraised at		$600 00
761	Amersely, appraised at		200 00
	Miles,	" "	1,200 00
Jacob,	"	"	1,200 00
Ephraim,	"	"	1,200 00
Gabriel,	"	"	1,000 00
Jefferson,	"	"	800 00
Milly Ann,	"	"	800 00
Essex,	"	"	650 00
Leroy,	"	"	650 00
Simeon,	"	"	200 00
Jim,	"	"	1,000 00
Joe,	"	"	000 00
Phœbe,	"	"	900 00
Doctor,	"	"	900 00
John,	"	"	1,200 00
Darke Ann,	"	"	450 00
Laura,	"	"	200 00

Matilda,	"	"	175 00
Crawford,	"	"	1,100 00
Julia Ann,	"	"	300 00
Mary,	"	"	350 00
Edna,	"	"	200 00
Ezekiel,	"	"	150 00
Old Betsy,	"	"	000 00
Bill Franklin,	"	"	1,050 00
George,	"	"	1,200 00
Jerry,	"	"	1,100 00
Hannah,	"	"	950 00
Bob,	"	"	500 00
Strother,	"	"	1,200 00
Nancy,	"	"	800 00
Rachel,	"	"	300 00
Stephen,	"	"	300 00
762 Sophia,	appraised	at	200 00
Jim Carter,	"	"	1,050 00
Mike,	"	"	900 00
Judge,	"	"	1,050 00
Jackson,	"	"	1,000 00
John Goodwyn,	"	"	1,100 00
Jinks,	"	"	1,200 00
Oscar,	"	"	200 00
Laura,	"	"	1,000 00
Total			$30,525 00

LOT NO. TWO (2).

Ephraim, appraised at	1,000 00
Sophia, his wife	700 00
Royal	900 00
Wyatt	900 00
Burke	900 00
Ailsy	625 00
Little Russell	500 00
Emeline	300 00
Anderson	200 00
Burton	1,200 00
Andrew	1,200 00
William	1,200 00
Sam	775 00
Peggy	500 00
Martha & child	1,100 00
Malinda	500 00
Sandy	1,000 00
Crawford	800 00
Big Russell	1,100 00
Jennette	800 00
Charley	300 00
Daniel	600 00

763	Margaret	300 00
	Sucky	000 00
	Peter	1,200 00
	Randall	1,200 00
	Nero	900 00
	Frank Goodwin	1,000 00
	Gabriel	1,050 00
	Old Ned	000 00
	Abraham	1,000 00
	Aggy	450 00
	Margaret	800 00
	Charlotte	600 00
	Sally	700 00
	Banister	400 00
	Little Abram	300 00
	Lavinia	175 00
	Jack Gregory	1,000 00
	Amos	1,100 00
	Winnie	350 00
	Major	350 00
	Dave	1,000 00
	Total	30,975 00

We then assigned to Mrs. Martha A. Gilmer lot No. 1. It will be perceived, as there is a difference of four hundred & fifty dollars in these two lots, that lot No. 2 must pay to lot No. 1 the sum of two hundred & twenty-five dollars to equalize them in value. We then proceeded to divide the negroes in lot No. 2 aforesaid, as equal in value as might be, into three lots, and divided them as follows:

764 LOT NO. ONE (1) OF LOT NO. 2.

Abraham,	appraised at	1,000 00
Aggy,	" "	450 00
Margaret,	" "	800 00
Sally,	" "	700 00
Charlotte,	" "	600 00
Banister,	" "	400 00
Abraham,	" "	300 00
Louisa,	" "	175 00
Jack Gregory,	" "	1,000 00
Amos,	" "	1,100 00
Peter,	" "	1,200 00
Nero,	" "	900 00
Frank Goodwyn,	" "	1,000 00
Winnie,	" "	350 00
Major,	" "	350 00
Total of lot No. 1 (of No. 2)		$10,325 00

LOT NO. TWO (2) OF LOT NO. 2.

Ephram,	appraised at	1,000 00
Sophia,	" "	700 00

Martha & child,	"	"	1,100 00
Royal,	"	"	900 00
Wyatte,	"	"	900 00
Burke,	"	"	900 00
Alsy,	"	"	625 00
Russell,	"	"	500 00
Elmira,	"	"	300 00
Dicy,	"	"	200 00
Benton,	"	"	1,200 00
Randall,	"	"	1,200 00
Andrew,	"	"	1,200 00
765 Sucky, at			000 00
Total of lot No. 2 (of lot No. 2)			$10,725 00

LOT NO. THRRE (3) OF LOT NO. 2.

Sam, appraised at	775 00
Peggy	500 00
Malinda	500 00
Sandy	1,000 00
Crawford	800 00
Russell	1,100 00
Jennette	800 00
Charley	300 00
Daniel	600 00
Margaret	300 00
Gabriel	1,050 00
Williamson	1,200 00
Dave	1,000 00
Old Ned	000 00
Total of lot No. 3 (of lot No. 2)	$9,925 00

We then assigned lot No. 1 to Miss Martha G. Gilmer.
" " " No. 2 Mrs. Eliza Graves.
" " " No. 3 Jas. B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance.

The proportion that each of these three lots would have to pay the lot assigned to Mrs. Martha A. Gilmer is seventy-five dollars, making in all two hundred and twenty-five dollars. The value of these last three shares is $10,250.00 where they have paid their said proportions to Mrs. Martha A. Gilmer.

766 By deducting $75 from		$10,325	10,250 00
" " " "		$10,725	10,650 00
" " " "		9,925	9,850 00

So that lot No. 1 has its requisite amount, but lot No. 2 has $800 more that lot No. 3. No. 2 must therefore pay to lot No. 3 four hundred dollars to equalize the value of these last lots; all of which is submitted.

(Signed) JASON G. JONES.
" SAM. L. ARRINGTON.
" SAM. H. COCHRAN.

Agreement between Mrs. Caroline M. Gilmer & als.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Montgomery Co.:

Whereas the provision made in the will of Peachy R. Gilmer for his widow, Mrs. Caroline M. Gilmer, was not satisfactory to her, and she intended to dissent from said will and to take in place of that provision her dower in the lands, and such portions of the personalty of said Peachy R. Gilmer as she would have been entitled to in case he had died intestate; and whereas it has been proposed that the residuary legatees should pay to the said Mrs. Caroline M. Gilmer the sum of five thousand dollars in consideration of her releasing all her interest in said estate, except what is given by said will, in the proportion of payment by each of the legatees as hereinafter set forth, and to which proportion she has assented:

767 Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises, Francis M. Gilmer binds himself and wife to pay to Mrs. Caroline M. Gilmer the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars. Rufus Y. Graves binds himself and wife to pay Mrs. Caroline M. Gilmer the sum of eight hundred & twenty-three $\frac{33}{100}$. Miss Martha G. Gilmer binds herself to pay to Mrs. Caroline M. Gilmer the sum of eight hundred & thirty-three $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars. And S. W. Vance binds himself for his two children to pay to her the sum of eight hundred and thirty-three & $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars. And in consideration of the premises the said Caroline M. Gilmer agrees and binds herself to release & relinquish to said legatees all claims and interest in the estate of the said Peachy R. Gilmer, except that which has been given to her in and by said will. Witness our hands this 13th day December, 1861.

(Signed)	F. M. GILMER, JR.	[L. S.]
"	R. Y. GRAVES.	[L. S.]
"	MARTHA G. GILMER.	[L. S.]
"	S. W. VANCE.	[L. S.]
"	C. M. GILMER.	[L. S.]

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Montgomery County:

Report by F. M. Gilmer & J. J. Gilmer, executors of the last will & testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, of sales of lands and personalities of estate of testator other than slaves, under the orders made by the court of probate of said county on the 12th day of November, 1861.

768 The said executors report that they advertised for three successive weeks in the Montgomery Advertiser, a paper published in said county, that the sales of said lands and personalities would take place at public sale, on the plantation (embracing said lands) of said testator on the 18th of December, 1861. And that the lands would be sold on a credit of one, two, and three years, with interest from date, and that the terms of sale of personalities would be made known on the day of sale, and that on the 18th of December, 1861, on said plantation they offered for sale and sold at public auction all said lands except the last half of the southeast quarter of section 12 in township 14, range 18; and this last described land was not sold because the executors ascertained that said testator had

no titles to the same, and on selling the said 3,340 acres Mrs. Martha H. Gilmer purchased it at $16.25=$54,275.00.

They further report that at the same time & place they sold at public auction for cash, the personality embraced in said order of said court, except as hereinafter mentioned. That the mules and horses (28 mules and 12 horses) were not sold, the parties agreeing to have them appraised and divided, one-half to Mrs. Martha A. Gilmer and the other half to the other parties, they taking them at the apprais'ment. And the executors have included in this report, with this explanation, the said mules and horses as sold; that one mule included in the inventory strayed away or was stolen, and with all the diligence
769 and energy they have used they have been unable to learn anything of it. There were also seven head of cattle not sold, but they have included them as sold to Mrs. Martha A. Gilmer at the price she gave for the other stock cattle, they being of the same character, and she being willing to take them at that price. They will include in their accounts for settlement money received from sales of cattle made at private sale before the said public sale, which will account for some of them, and as to the others not included in these returns, they report that some were consumed by the negroes, and that they were unable to find the others, and presume that they have died or strayed away. They also state that they omitted to sell the heads, backbones, & spare ribs of the pork on the place, by oversight, but they have included them in their return as sold to Mrs. Martha A. Gilmer at (6) six cents pr. pound, she being willing to take them at that price. They also report that some of the sheep were sold at private sale, as the cattle above mentioned, and they will include in their accounts for settlement the prices received for them; but there was a good many still to be accounted for, and which could not be found as shown by their inventory, and they report the balance to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief, as having died or strayed away, and they report that the following is a list of the names of the purchasers, and the articles purchased, and the prices at which they were purchased:

Mrs. Martha A. Gilmer,	6 pieces corn, 1,066 b., 59c	.....	628 94
" "	1 crib, No. 1, 640 " 50c	.....	320 00
" "	1 " No. 2, 770 56c	.....	431 20
" "	1 " No. 3, 912 "	.....	510 72
" "	1 " No. 4, 938 "	.....	525 28
" "	1 " No. 5, 533 "	.....	298 48
" "	1 " No. 6, 445 "	.....	249 20
" "	31 stacks fodder, @ $15.00	.....	465 00
" "	52 head cattle, @ 7.00	.....	364 00
" "	1 bull	.....	26 00
" "	1 yoke oxen	.....	61 00
" "	1 " "	.....	41 00
" "	1 cow & calf	.....	17 25
" "	1 " "	.....	22 50
" "	1 " "	.....	18 00
" "	1 " "	.....	21 00
" "	1 " "	.....	21 50
" "	1 gray filly	.....	41 00

"	"	1 sorrell "	35 00
"	"	17,000 lbs. pork, @ 14c	2,380 00
"	"	4 bbls. lard, 12½	150 00
"	"	160 hogs & pigs, 3.50	560 00
"	"	100 head of sheep, 3.00	300 00
"	"	2 Bois d'Arc wagon, $100	200 00
"	"	1 wagon	20 00
"	"	1 cart	10 00
"	"	80 plows, @ 62½c	50 00
"	"	1 ox wagon	13 00
"	"	1 lot wheels	2 00
"	"	1 " plow gear	31 00
771 Mrs. M. A. Gilmer,		1 lot hoes	5 00
", " " "		1 set blacksmith tools	32 50
" " " "		1 " carpenter's "	16 50
" " " "		11 stacks oats, 15.00	165 00
" " " "		1 gin band	50 00
" " " "		1 corn mill	50 00
" " " "		23 hides, @ 1.00	23 00
" " " "		1 wash pot	1 00
" " " "		1 " "	3 00
" " " "		1 meat of stock	10 00
" " " "		1 colt	25 00
" " " "		14 mules & 6 horses	2,840 00
" " " "		6,000 lbs. heads, ribs, & bones, @ 6c	360 00
" " " "		7 head stock cattle, 7.00	49 00
R. R. Punder,		1 crib of corn, 895 bls., @ 60c	537 00
T. J. Orme,		1 lot corn, 60 " @ 53c	31 00
" "		2 oxen, 18.25	36 50
" "		14 head cattle, 10.15	142 10
D. S. Troy,		2 cows, 18.50	37 00
" " "		1 heifer & calf	14 50
" " "		1 cow & "	16 50
" " "		1 " "	24 50
" " "		1 " "	17 25
" " "		1 " "	17 00
" " "		1 " "	20 00
" " "		1 " "	18 00
" " "		1 " "	12 50
L. A. Easterly,		1 yoke steers	63 00
J. W. Bibb,		1 " "	52 00
" " "		1 " "	50 00
Mayer,		18 head cattle, 6.87½	123 75
B. S. Bibb,		1 yoke steers	57 00
W. R. Callaway,		1 cow & calf	24 50
772 W. R. Callaway,		1 cow & calf	27 50
Montgomery,		1 " "	28 50
Hester,		1 " "	27 00
S. Murray,		1 " "	26 00
W. Jones,		1 " "	25 00
S. Murray,		1 " "	28 00

E. Ledyard,	1 grey filley	89 00
W. Taylor,	1 black colt	27 00
Rushton,	1 sorrel "	27 00
J. R. Dickerson,	1 black filly	66 00
R. Y. Graves & others,	14 mules & 6 horses	2,840 00
	Total amount	$15,948 97

In recapitulation they report that the sales of the land amount to $54,275.00, and sales of personality amount to $15,948.97, making total amount of real & personal, amount to the sum of $70,223.97.

They further report that the purchasers have complied with the terms of sale; all which is submitted.

STATE OF ALABAMA, *Montgomery County:*

Before me, David Campbell, judge of probate of said county, personally appeared Francis M. Gilmer, who being duly sworn, on oath, says that the foregoing report contains a full and correct account of sales of the lands & personality as directed in *in* the order and made by said court on the 12th day of November, 1861.

(Signed) F. M. GILMER, *Ex'r.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1862. Ordered recorded.

(Signed) DAVID CAMPBELL,
J. P. M. C.

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Receipts of heirs.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Montgomery County:

Received of Francis M. Gilmer, one of the executors of the last will & testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, the negroes and other personal property belonging bequeathed to me in and by the said will. Also certificates of ten shares of the capital stock of the Alabama & Florida Railroad, and also five thousand dollars, the same being legacies given to me in & by said will, and I acknowledge possession of the tract of land devised to me in and by said will, and also elect to take the said land instead of ten thousand dollars, of which election is given to me in said will; and also received from said F. M. Gilmer the sum of five thousand dollars, that being the sum in consideration of which I agreed with said Gilmer, R. Y. Graves, Martha G. Gilmer, & S. W. Vance to release all my interest in the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, except the provision made for me in said will to the residuary legatees in said will, and in consideration of the premises I do hereby release & relinquish to the residuary legatees, Mrs. Martha A. Gilmer, Miss Martha G. Gilmer, Mrs. Eliza Graves, James B. G. Vance, & Sarah E. Vance all my right & claim to dower in the real estate of said testator, or to any share or interest of the personal property of said estate, except the provision that has been made for me in
774 and by said will. As witness my hand and seal this 26th day of December, 1861.

(Signed) C. M. GILMER.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Montgomery County:

Received of F. M. Gilmer & James J. Gilmer, Randall & his wife Suzann and their children, Bob, Sophia, Ann, Sarah, Julia, Am. Henderson, Amelia, Ann or Relia Ann, and Garret, also John Gayles' note of five hundred dollars in cash, they being the legacies given in & by the will of Peachy R. Gilmer to my wife, Mrs. Sarah E. Vance, formerly Sarah E. Gayle, this 26th day of December, 1861.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

Received of F. M. Gilmer & J. J. Gilmer, exe't'rs of the last will & testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, two hundred dollars, that being the legacy given to John Gayle by said will, which, with the interest thereon, is to be paid out in the purchase of a horse for him when eighteen years old. Dec. 26th, 1862.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Montgomery County:

Received of Francis M. Gilmer & James J. Gilmer, executors of the last will and testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, the following negroes, to wit: Sam, Peggy, Malinda, Sandy, Crawford, Russell, Jennette, Charley, Daniel, Margaret, Gabriel, William, Dave, & Ned, the same being assigned to my children, James B. G. Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance,
775 on a division made by the commissioners to divide the negroes of said testator not specially bequeathed among the residuary legatees under said will; said commissioners acting under a writ of distribution to them directed, and issuing out of the court of probate of said county, Decem 26th, 1861.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

STATE OF ALABAMA, *Montgomery County:*

Received of Francis M. Gilmer & James J. Gilmer, executors of the last will and testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, the following negroes, to wit: Abraham, Aggy, Margaret, Charlotte, Sallie Banister, Little Abram, Jack Gregory, Amosa Peter, Nero, Frank Goodwyn, Minnie, and Major, the same being the negroes assigned to me by the commissioners on a division, under a writ of distribution to said commissioners issued from the court of probate of said county to divide and distribute the residue of the slaves of said testator, not bequeathed specially among the residuary legatees. Under my hand and seal. Montgomery, Dec. 20th, 1861.

(Signed) MARTHA G. GILMER.

STATE OF ALABAMA, *Montgomery County:*

Received of Francis M. Gilmer & James J. Gilmer, executors of the last will and testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, the following negroes, to wit: Ephram, Sophia, Martha & child, Royal Wyatt, Bush, Dilsey, Russell, Elmira, Decy, Benton, Randal, Andrew, Sucky,
776 the same being the portion assigned to my wife, Mrs. Eliza Graves, on a division made by the commissioners to divide the negroes of

said testator (not specially bequeathed) among the residuary legatees under said will, said commissioners acting under a writ of distribution to them directed, and issuing out of the court of probate of said county. Montgomery, Decem. 26th, 1861.

(Signed) R. Y. GRAVES.

STATE OF ALABAMA, *Montgomery County:*

Received of Francis M. Gilmer & James J. Gilmer, executors of the last will and testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, the following negroes, to wit: Nity Jones, Little Betsy, Little Simeon, Frank, Josephine, Lotta & Maria, Elizabeth, their mother, being dece'd; also received a black colt—these negroes and colt being given to me in and by said will. The five thousand dollars given to me in said will have been paid to me by said testator in his lifetime, for which I gave my receipt as in lieu of the legacy of five thousand dollars to be laid out in land.

Montgomery, Decem. 26th, 1861.

(Signed) P. R. GRATTAN.

Notes, stocks, and monies for the heirs of Peachy R. Gilmer.

List of notes, stocks, and money set apart for Mrs. Martha A. Gilmer, under the will of her father, Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased.

777	Decem. 18, '61. M. A. Gilmer & F. M. Gilmer, jr., & M. S. Gilmer, note one year, with interest.....	$9,045	83
Dec. 18, '61.	M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer, & M. S. Gilmer, 2 yrs.	$9,045	83
" "	" " " 2 yrs.	$9,045	83
Jan. 18, '58.	F. M. Gilmer, note due 18th Dec., '61.....	$15,520	39
" 1, '59.	" " " 18, '61.....	22,728	58
" 10, '60.	" " " 18, '61.....	2,856	92
July 22, '61.	" " " 18, '61.....	1,898	27
Jan. 9, '57.	J. J. Ackenhead & Dickerson, Dec. 18, '61....	523	62
May 9, '60.	J. S. Weatherby, Dec. 18, '61.....	1,129	66
	Conges notes, note due Dec. 18, '61...	227	82
	C. S. Gilmer, " " " 18, '61...	284	43
	Sol. Mitchell & Bros., " " " 18, '61...	97	52
	Swains & Stephens, note & interest.....	34	00
		$72,440	70
	By agreement for doubtful notes above.....	380	06
		$72,060	64
	½ of $5,000, Ala. & F'a R. R. stock.....	2,500	00
	½ " 21,500, Mont. & W. P. R. R. stock.....	10,750	00
	½ " 1,000, Eufola R. R. stock.....	500	00
	½ " sales mules & horses.....	2,840	00
	Cash.....	191	40
	Total amount of notes, &c.....	$88,842	04

Received from the executor of the estate of P. R. Gilmer, deceased, the property as above stated.

(Signed) F. M. GILMER, JR.

List of notes, stocks, &c., set apart for the heirs of Mrs. Eliza Gilmer, deceased, under the will of P. R. Gilmer, deceased.

Dec. 18, '61.	M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer, M. L. Gilmer; note due one year after date	$9,045 83⅓
Dec. 18, '61.	M. A. & F. M. & M. L. Gilmer, 3 years.	$9,045 83⅓
778 Dec. 18, '61.	Note M. A. & F. M. & M. L. Gilmer, 3 years	9,045 83⅓
Nov. 29, '59.	R. Y. Graves, note & interest due Dec. 18, '61.	1,750 00
Dec. 18, '60.	" " " " " "	475 00
June 13, '59.	S. W. Vance, " " " "	6,172 22
Dec. 3, '59.	Chas. Telliferro, " " " "	4,657 78
Oct. 12, '59.	M. J. Saffold & Thos. Brown " "	2,896 67
May 12, '59.	Wade Keys, Geo. Goldthwaite & Reid, "	5,600 00
M'ch 11, '6.	S. S. Carraway, note & interest due	572 67
Jan. 2, '61.	E. Y. Fair, due 18th Decem., 1861	1,178 89
Jan. 22, '61.	Anderson & Gilmer, " "	4,931 02
July 14, '61.	W. H. Wilkerson, due '59, int. from date	2,231 11
June 23, '55.	Thos. Williams, " " " "	910 34
" "	" " " '60, " "	910 34
May 19, '58.	W. J. Fuller & Bros., due '61	506 74
Feb. 10, "	T. H. Miller & Watts, due 1861	214 93
Nov. 28, "	" " Judge, " "	107 89
Jan. 11, "	J. S. Collins & Powell, " "	400 65
Jan. 18, '56.	M. L. Gilmer, due 1860	371 65
Jan. 1, '58.	Brown & Watts, notes & int. due 18th Dec.	725 34
" "	B. H. Wilkerson & Cowles	492 62
" "	Gibson & Wilson, note	186 10
" "	Wilkerson & Wicks, acceptance	497 72
	40 shares Montgomery Ins. Co. stock	4,000 00
	Montgomery Mining Co. bonds	5,150 67
	½ of $5,000, Ala. & F'a R. R. stock	2,500 00
	½ " 21,500, M. & W. P. R. R. stock	10,750 00
	½ " 1,000, M. & Eufola R. R. Stock	500 00
	½ " sales mules & horses	2,840 00
	Cash	191 40
	Total amount	$88,842 04

List of notes, bonds, stocks, &c., belonging to Miss Mattie G. Gilmer, the same being the *the* distributive share in the estate of P. R. Gilmer, deceased.

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Dec. 18, '61.	M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer, & M. S. Gilmer, note due the 1st of December, 1862, with interest	$9,045 83
July 22, '61.	Anderson & Gilmer, note due, & interest	$913 02
Oct. 13, '60.	Saffold, Brown & Holzclaw, bill due January 1st, 1862	2,896 67

Feb. 10, '60. T. H. Miller & T. H. Watts, bill due January 1st, 1862	214 93
Nov. 28, '59. J. H. & Th. H. Miller & Judge, bill due	107 87
Jan. 11, '59. Joe Collins & Jno. Powell, " "	410 00
Jan. 18, '56. M. L. Gilmer, note & interest	725 34
" " '58. Brown, Watts & Saprode, with int	371 68
" " B. N. Wilkerson, "	492 61
20 shares Montgomery Ins. Co. stock	2,000 00
3 bonds Montgomery Mining Co., $500, less int.	1,478 00
2 " " "	1,000 00
Coupons, due Sept. 1, '61, M'ch 1, '62	214 77
Ala. & Fa. R. R. stock	833 33⅓
Montgomery & W. Point R. R. stock	3,583 33⅓
" & Eufala " " ⅓ of $500	166 66⅔
Paid proceeds 185 b. c.	1,000 00
⅓ sale mules & horses	946 67
Total amount	$30,391 37

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

Received of J. J. Gilmer & F. M. Gilmer, jr., executors of the last will & testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, the above-mentioned notes, bonds, & stocks, choses in action, &c., amounting in value to the sum of twenty-nine thousand four hundred & forty-four $\frac{70}{100}$ dollars, in full
780 of my distributive share in the bonds, stocks, rights, and credits, choses in action, &c., belonging to the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, dece'd, upon the final settlement of the account of the executors with the said estate, & upon a distribution & a division of the property of the said estate among the respective legatees and devisees under the said will of said testator.

(Signed) MARTHA G. GILMER.

List of notes, stocks, bonds, &c., set apart for Mrs. R. Y. Graves, as her distributive share in the bonds, notes, stocks, & choses in action belonging to the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased.

Note of M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer, jr., & M. L. Gilmer, due at 3 years	$9,045 83⅓
Note of R. Y. Graves, Nov. 22, 1859, interest & principal now due	1,750 00
Note of R. Y. Graves, Dec. 18, '60, now due	475 95
" Jno. Talliferro, Dec. 3d, '59, " "	465 38
" Wade Keys, G. Golthwaite, & S. S. Rice, January 12th, 1859, now due	5,600 00
Stock Montgomery Ins. Co.	1,000 00
Bonds of Montgomery Mining Co., No. 28 & 29, each for $500, five hundred dolls	1,000 00
Coupons on above bonds	332 02
Ala. & Fa. R. R. stock	833 33
Montg. & W. P. R. Rd. "	3,583 33
" & Eufala R. R. "	166 66

Part proceeds sale cotton, 185 bales	1,000 00
⅓ part sales mules & horses	946 67
Total amount	30,391 37

781 MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Received of J. J. Gilmer & F. M. Gilmer, jr., executors of the last will & testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, the above-mentioned notes, bonds, stocks, choses in action, &c., amounting in value to the sum of twenty-nine thousand four hundred and forty-two & $\frac{70}{100}$ dollars, in full of the distributive share of my wife Eliza Graves, in the bonds, notes, stocks, rights, credits, choses in action, &c., belonging to the estate of P. R. Gilmer, deceased, upon the final settlement of the accounts of the said executors with the said estate, and upon a distribution and division of the property of the said estate among the respective legatees & devisees under the said will of said testator.

(Signed) R. Y. GRAVES.

List of notes, bonds, stocks, &., set apart as the distributive shares of Jas. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, children of Mrs. Mary B. Vance, on the estate of P. R. Gilmer, deceased.

Dec. 18, '61.	M. A. Gilmer, F. M. Gilmer, & M. S. Gilmer, note due in 1862, with interest	9,045 83⅓
June 13, '59.	S. W. Vance, note due Decem. 10, '61	6,172 22
July 14, '61.	W. H. Wilkerson, note & interest	2,271 11
	E. Y. Fair's note & int. due 18 Dec., '61	1,178 89
March 11, '60.	S. S. Carraway, note & int	572 67
June 23, '55.	Thos. Williams, note & int	910 34
" "	" " " "	910 34
May 19, '58.	W. J. Fuller & Bros., " "	506 74
10 shares	Montgomery Ins. Co. stock	1,000 00
2 bonds	Montgomery Mining Co., 26 & 27	1,000 00
782	Coupons due Sept. 1, '61, Mch. 1, '62	333 24
	Ala. & Fa. R. R. stock	833 33
Montg. & Eufala R. R. stock, ⅓ $500		166 66
Part proceeds 185 b. c		1,000 00
Mont. & W. P. R. R. stock		3,583 33
⅓ part sales mules & horses		946 67
Total amount		$30,391 37

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Received as guardian of my children Jas. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, grandchildren of P. R. Gilmer, deceased, the above-mentioned notes, bonds, stocks, choses in action, &c., amounting in value to the sum of twenty-nine thousand four hundred & forty-four & $\frac{70}{100}$ dollars, from J. J. Gilmer, aud F. M. Gilmer, jr., executors of the last will and testament of Peachy R. Gilmer, deceased, in full of the distributive shares of my children above named, under the will of said P. R. Gilmer, to the notes, stocks,

bonds, choses in action, &c., rights & credits, &c., belonging to the estate of said testator, upon the final settlement of the accounts of the said executors with the said estate, and upon a division and distribution of the property of the said P. R. Gilmer among the persons entitled under the provisions of the said will.

(Signed) S. W. VANCE.

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

F. M. Gilmer in % with estate of P. R. Gilmer, dec'd.

783	Jan. 1, '58.	B. N. Williams' note, due '58	377 00
		Interest to 2d Decem., 1861	115 62
"	9, '57.	J. S. Ackenhead, due Jan. '58	400 00
		Interest to date	125 00
Sept. 1, '57.		A. S. Gilmer, due Jan. '60	246 00
		Interest to date	38 43
Jan. '57.		J. D. Brown & Watts, due '58	550 00
		Interest from Jan. '58	175 00
Nov. 16, '59.		Chs. Cary, due	195 00
		Interest to date	32 82
Jan. 1. '61.		Wilkerson & Nickles	465 00
		Interest to date	32 72
Nov. 22, '59.		R. Y. Graves, due	1,500 00
		Interest to date	250 00
Jan. 1, '60.		Anderson & Gilmer	7,878 88
		Interest to 11th Feb., 1861	700 00
		Equal	8,378 88
		Deduct amount paid P. R. Gilmer	2,200 00
		Due 11th Feb., 1861	6,378 88
		Interest to July 22, '61	212 63
		Equal	6,591 51
		Deduct F. M. Gilmer's note, due July 22, '61	1,236 98
			4,754 53
		Interest to date	158 49
			$ 4,913 12
July 14, '61.		W. H. Wilkerson, due	2,000 00
		Interest to date	231 11
July 2, '61.		E. Y. Fair, due	1,000 00
		Int. to date	178 89
May 19, '68.		W. J. Fuller & Bros	472 12
		Int. to date	34 62
June 25, '55.		Thos. Williams, due, '59	666 66
		Interest to date	243 68

784	June 25th, '55.	Thos. Williams, due '60	910 34
	Oct. 5, '53.	Sol Mitchell, due	66 00
		Interest to date	31 53
June 8, '57.		M. L. Gilmer, due '60	324 00
		Interest to date	47 68
M'ch 25, '56.		John Gayle, due	500 00
May 18, '58.		F. M. Gilmer, jr	12,050 00
		Interest to date	3,470 39
Jan. 1st, '59.		F. M. Gilmer, jr	18,349 28
		Interest to date	4,379 30
Feb. 10, 60.		F. M. Gilmer, jr	2,492 99
		Interest to date	393 63
January 22, '60.		F. M. Gilmer, jr	1,836 98
		Interest to date	61 29
M'ch 1, '61.		Coupons, bonds, 29, $500	14,500 00
		Interest to date	784 00
		Pensacola R. R'd stock	1,700 00
		West Point R. R'd "	21,500 00
		Eufola R. R. "	1,000 00
		Montgomery Ins. Co. stock	4,000 00
Dec. 18, '61.		Mrs. M. A. Gilmer & others, note 1 year	9,045 83⅓
"	"	" " " " "	9,045 83⅓
"	"	" " " 2 "	9,045 83⅓
"	"	" " " 2 "	9,045 83⅓
"	"	" " " 3 "	9,045 83⅓
"	"	" " " 3 "	9,045 83⅓
Dec. 5, '59.		Chs. Tallifero, note due	4,000 00
		Interest to date	657 78
Jan 12, '59.		Wake Keys & Golthwaite	4,500 00
		Interest to date	657 78
Jan. 12, '59.		S. W. Vance, due	5,500 00
		Interest to date	672 22
785	May	9, '60. J. S. Weatherby, due	1,000 00
		Interest to date	129 66
Dec.	18, '60.	R. Y. Graves	440 00
		Interest	35 75
Jan.	11, '59.	James Collins & Powell	324 00
		Interest to date	76 68
Oct.	12, '60.	J. Saffold & Brown	2,500 00
		Interest to date	396 67
M'ch	11, '60.	S. S. Caraway	500 00
		Interest to date	72 76
Feb.	10, '60.	J. H. Wilson & Bros	200 00
		Interest to date	14 93
Nov.	28, '59.	J. H. Miller & Judge	100 00
		Interest to date	7 87
Feb.	17, '61.	J. B. Gibson due Jan., '61	43 12⅓
"	"	" " " "	43 13⅓
"	"	" " " "	43 13⅓
"	"	" " " "	43 13⅓
		Interest on the same to date	13 60

M'ch 21, 59. J. B. Simmons		30 00
Interest to date		4 00
Amount notes, bonds, stocks, &c		194,632 67
Sale 85 bales cotton		6,000 00
Sales at auction, property		15,948 97
Private sales		17,151 42
Assets of the estate		218,295 78

CREDITS.

By widow's portion under the will		5,000 00
" " " Ala. & Fa. R. R. stock		1,000 00
" " allowance for dower		5,000 00
" Mrs. Sallie E. Vance		500 00
" John Gayle's note		500 00
786 Credits continued.		
By her son, John Gayle		200 00
" Mrs. M. A. Gilmer, 110 sh. Ala. & Fa. R. R		1,100 00
" F. M. Gilmer, ex'r account		18,629 50
" short return on sale of cotton		1,218 80
Amount assets for division		$177,684 08
By Mrs. Gilmer's half		$88,842 04
Amount due Mrs. Eliza Gilmer		$88,842 04
By Miss Mattie Gilmer	29,614 02	
" Mrs. R. Y. Graves	29,614 02	
" heirs of Mrs. Vance	29,614 00	
	$88,842 04	

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of net assets of the estate for division under the will, amongst the heirs		177,684 08
½ to Mrs. M. A. Gilmer	88,842 04	
½ " Mrs. Eliza Gilmer's heirs as follows:		
⅓ " Mrs. Mary B. Vance' heirs	29,614 02	
⅓ " Mrs. Graves	29,614 02	
⅓ " Miss Mattie Gilmer	29,614 02	
Total	$177,684 08	

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

Estate of P. R. Gilmer, in % with F. M. Gilmer, executor, &c.

Paid subscription to Eufola R. R'd	450 00
Interest from 8th March, 1860	54 50
Paid subscription to Eufola R. R'd	500 00

	Interest		36 60
"	Richard Oliver's a/c		38 35
	Interest from 5th June, 1860		4 77
787	Paid S. S. Powell, overseer		233 32
	Interest to date		11 38
"	W. J. Fuller & Bros'. a/c		134 54
	Interest from Jan. 9th, 1861		10 00
"	balance on copper bonds		37 35
	Interest to date		2 43
"	David Campbell, recording deed		1 40
"	Glockmeyer a/c		14 85
"	Clark, Stewart & Bibb a/c		140 00
"	Blount, Hall & Co. a/c		22 50
"	John Powell's a/c		156 00
"	George Feigh a/c		40 00
"	Mr. Young, (marble bill)		108 00
"	Dr. J. S. Weatherby's a/c		348 00
"	Gilmer & Co. a/c 1860		1,626 52
"	" " " 1861		2,585 69
"	Golthwaite, Rice & Sample a/c		500 00
"	Elmore & Culp		500 00
"	Elmore & Culp		430 00
"	Lee & Norton		200 00
"	S. H. Cochran		700 00
"	advertising, probating will, &c		27 00
"	negro midwife		4 00
"	for horse-mill		80 00
"	D. H. Workman		10 00
"	commission for appraising property		30 00
"	Elmore (short charges)		50 00
"	W. B. & R. Beebe		201 44
"	bill of lumber		30 00
"	State & county taxes		863 45
"	Wm. Wright		5 00
"	Cohen & Albright		19 00
"	Wm. Taylor & Co		59 93
788	Paid expenses on suit now pending against 80 acres of land, including Sexton a/c, Dr. Foster 100 #		
2½ %	commission on settlement		8,363 52
Say notes, bonds & stocks		194,632 67	
Negro property, &c		96,650 00	
Sales of personal property		23,604 11	
And crops, widow's property		19,655 00	
		$334,541 78	18,629 50
Court cost			150 00
Sexton a/c			10 00
Dr. Foster's a/c			30 00
			18,819 50

(Signed) F. M. GILMER, JR.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Montgomery Co.

I, David Campbell, judge of probate in & for the county & State aforesaid, hereby certify that the foregoing annexed pages, numbered from one to blank inclusive, contains a true and correct transcript of the writ of distribution of slaves, agreement, report, sale, receipts, distribution bonds, notes, stocks &c., and final account of F. M. Gilmer, jr., & J. J. Gilmer as executors of the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, dec'd, as appears on record in my office, recorded in Book "O."

Given under my hand & seal of office this 21st day of Feb., 1867.

(Signed) DAVID CAMPBELL,
Judge of Probate Court.

789 STATE OF ALABAMA,
Montgomery County:

I, Charles W. Buckley, judge & ex officio probate court clerk of the court of probate, in and for the county and State aforesaid, said court being a court of record, having a seal, but no regular clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages, numbering from one to blank, inclusive, contain a true & correct transcript of the writ of distribution, distribution of slaves, agreement, report of sale, receipts distribution, bonds, notes, stocks, &c., & final accounts of F. M. Gilmer, jr., & J. J. Gilmer, as executors of the estate of Peachy R. Gilmer, dec'd, as appear of record in my office, recorded in book O. And I further certify that the foregoing attestation by me as judge and ex officio clerk of said court of probate, is in due form as for authentication of the records and judicial proceedings of said court under the laws of the State of Alabama.

In witness whereof I, Charles W. Buckley, judge & ex officio clerk as aforesaid, hereto set my hand, and cause to be affixed the official seal of said court, at office in the city of Montgomery, Ala., on the 15th day of April, 1878.

(Signed) CHAS. W. BUCKLEY,
Judge & Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of Montgomery County, Alabama.

(Endorsed:) Filed in evidence, marked 11. Oct. 25th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k dist. court.

790 *First annual account with the two minors of S. W. Vance, filed in evidence, mark'd Q R.*

James B. Gilmer & Sarah E. Vance, minor heirs of Mary B. Vance, in ℅ with S. W. Vance, tutor, from 15th day of October, 1859, to 11th June, 1864. Debts charged to the community heretofore existing between Mary B. Vance & S. W. Vance, and payable out of the proceeds of the cotton crop of 1859.

Vouchers. Names of creditors.	
1. A. S. Wells	8 80
2. Miller & Morris	14 63
3. Arick & Long	32 10
4. C. J. Bickham	75 00

5.	Wm. Thatcher	50 00
6.	John Walters	77 71
7.	W. Rose	43 50
8.	C. McCarty	69 75
9.	Walters & Elder	27 16
10.	Arick & Loong	41 87
11.	K. P. D. Taylor	70 81
12.	E. J. Wise	224 50
13.	C. McCarty	4 38
14.	White, Smith & Baldwin	280 64
15.	Str. Rob't Watson	52 25
16.	H. V. Sentell	550 00
17.	G. B. Sleigh, B.	233 04
18.	W. H. Williams	35 00
19.	J. D. Worthy	9 00
20.	James Marks	27 00
21.	Ball & Dashiell	155 86
	22. Howard, Tally & Co	69 33
791	23. G. W. Sentell	9 00
	24. Allen Vance note	2,677 00
25.	Childers & Beard	191 48
26.	E. J. Wise	13 50
27.	Howell & Buckner	302 50
28.	Walmsley, Carver & Co	14 25
29.	A. C. McEntire	304 00
30.	M. D. C. Cane	78 83
31.	Invoice Sept. 16th, 1859	168 22
32.	" Feb. 15, 1859, C	92 30
33.	" May 10, " C	47 00
34.	" March 24, " C	513 52
35.	" April 12, " C	601 08
36.	" March 15, " C	330 59
37.	" Feb'y 1st, " C	149 51
38.	" Decem. 10, 1860	267 85
39.	Insurance undercharged	60 26
40.	Interest paid on note P. R. G., see invent'y 2d July, '64	440 00
	Paid Allen Vance, B.	2,683 69
42.	" D. H. Holmes, B.	219 48
	" W. Calhoun, B.	80 00
	Invoice p'r Doubloon, freight, B.	164 11
	Paid Wm. Arick, B.	80 00
	" E. Quinn, B.	25 00
	Total	$11,621 37

CREDIT.

By net proceeds of 261 bales cotton, crop 1859, A	8,489 43
" " " " 190 " " " " "	5,889 86
Balance proceeds of cotton, 1859	2,757 92
½ carried to the credit of the minors	1,378 96

VOUCHERS.

792 V. 1. Mrs. Vance bought of Mrs. A. S. Wells:

1859.

May	3.	10 yds. ginghams, 30c	3 00
"	"	1 pr. bracelets	1 25
"	"	10 yds. thread lace	2 50
"	4.	4 " bobinette	1 20
"	"	Sewing silk	10
"	"	1½ yds. ribbon	75
			8 70

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) A. S. WELLS.

2. SHREVEPORT, *January 1st*, 1860.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Miller & Morris:

1859.

Jan.	8.	Px., 64.5, 2½; 2 oz. tinct. lobelia	2 75
Feb.	26.	1 note-case	1 00
M'ch	9.	1½ oz. fine sponge, 6*s*	1 13
"	15.	5 doz. fish-hooks	1 25
"	2.	Bobs, 16*s*.; 6 cotton lines, 60c	4 60
"	3.	Corks, 60; 3 corks, 30	90
"	"	4-oz. sponge, 2.00; assafœtida, 4*s*	2 50
"	26.	2 harmonicans, 2*s*	50
			$14 63

Rece'd payment Jan. 2d, 1860.
(Signed) MILLER & MORRIS,
Benton, La.

3. *S. W. Vance to Arick & Wells, Dr.*

1859.

Jan.	3.	1 wash-pan	40
"	14.	14½ yds. Ky. jeans, 30c	4 35
"	18.	2 thimbles, 2*s*	25
"	"	1 tin dipper	25
Feb.	14.	2 skeins silk	20
"	"	4 bot's cider	2 00
M'ch	3.	1 " brandy	1 50
"	"	2½ yds. bed-ticking	62
		" " 2 bot's cider	1 00

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March	9.	To 1 bot. chloroform	1 75
"	"	" 1 " sweet oil	50
"	11.	" 1 gall. whiskey	1 50
"	"	" 1 doz. nutmegs	38
"	12.	" 1 pr. russets	1 50
"	"	" 1 paper garden seed	10
April	1.	" 1 Marseilles vest	3 50

"	"	" 1 pr. ladies' hus	50
"	"	" 1 " gents' "	25
"	"	" 1 gall. whiskey	75
"	"	" 1 pr. butts	38
"	"	" 1 doz. screws	12
"	14.	" 2 bot's syrups	1 00
May	3.	" ½ doz. skeins silk	60
"	"	" ¼ " " "	40
"	9.	" ½ " " "	60
"	18.	" 1 ball shoe thread	15
"	"	" 2 boxes wafers	20
"	31.	" 3 papers screws	1 60
"	"	" 100 lbs. nails	5 50
		Interest	25
			32 10

Rece'd payment by draft on H. K. Carter & Co.
(Signed) ARICK & LOONEY.

4. SHREVEPORT, *Decem. 30th*, 1859.

Dr. Vance to C. J. Bickham.

To one visit to colored woman in confinement, with complicated labor, in the night $75 00

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) C. J. BICKHAM.

5. Rece'd, Shreveport, Jan. 14th, 1860, of Dr. S. W. Vance, fifty dollars, ferriage for 1859.
(Signed) WM. THATCHER.

794 6. *Dr. S. W. Vance to John Walker, Dr.*

1859.			
Jan.	17.	To 25 lbs. cheese	4 69
"	"	" 2 yds. denims	1 50
Feb.	26.	" 10 " linen, 7*s*; 8 yds. check muslin, 6*s*	14 75
"	"	" 3 " tweed, 10*s*; 1 yd. linen lawn, 1*s*	5 00
"	"	" 1 pr. boys' shoes, 12*s*; 1 gross buttons, 2*s*	1 88
"	"	" 6 spools cotton, 4*s*; 2 doz. fancy buttons, 75	1 25
"	"	" 2 Jim Crow cords	20
"	"	" 1 bunch bed cord	38
"	"	" 6 skeins silk, 60c.; 3 yds. b. linen drilling, 8*s*	1 86
"	"	" 3 yds. ch'k linen, 4*s*; 3 yds. striped linen, 8*s*	4 50
"	"	" cash paid Miss Gilmer	10 00
M'ch	1.	" 1 bunch grass rope, 45	50
"	15.	" 40 lbs. candles, 30c.; 2 brooms, 3*s*	12 75
"	"	" 2 skeins silk	35
Apr.	9.	" 4 yds. tarlton, 6*s*; 6 yds. fancy linen, 10*s*	10 50

" 14. " 1 padlock 1 00
" 26. " 1 " " & 24 lbs. cheese, 20 ..... 6 40

$77 71

Rece'd payment by sight draft on H. K. Carter Co.
(Signed) JNO. WALKER,
Pr. R. A. WALKER.

7. *Dr. Whit. Vance to W. Rose, Dr.*

1859.
To repairs on 70 saw-gin stand 40 00
" 1 feed & bond 3 50

$43 50

Rece'd payment by draft on H. K. Carter Co.
(Signed) A. MARTIN,
Agent from W. Rose.

8. SHREVEPORT, *January 16th*, 1860.

Mr. S. W. Vance bought of McCarty & Co.:
Sept. 27. 1 box tobacco, 105 lbs., @ 35 ..... 34 65
" " 1 half bbl. sugar, 109, @ 12c 13 08
" " 1 sack flour, 5.00; 1 key, 50c 5 50
Oct. 4. 1 box candles, 40 lbs., 10.40; 1 s'ck flour, 6.12 ..... 16 52

$69 75

Rece'd payment.
C. McCARTHY.

795 9. Mr. S. W. Vance bought of Walters & Elder:
Sept. 2. To 1 pr. balances 7 00
Oct. 5. " 1 hand-saw 2 50
" " " 1 axe 2 50
Mc'h 2. " 8 yds. brown linen, 45 ..... 3 60
" 7. " 1 pr. boys' shoes 1 00
" 8. " 3 qr. yds. plaid, 6s 56
Dec. 13. " 1 pr. w. p. boots 10 00

$27 16

Rece'd payment by s'g't draft on H. K. Carter Co.
(Signed) WALTERS & ELDER,
By WALKER.

10. *S. W. Vance to Looney & Arick.*

To amount of 41 87

"Voucher cannot be found."

11. BENTON, LA., *Feb. 16th*, 1860.

Dr. S. W. Vance to H. K. P. Taylor.

1869.					
Jan.	1.	To	1	gall. vinegar	38
"	4.	"	36	yds. prints, 10	3 60
"	"	"	9	" " "	90
"	"	"	6	" white flannel, 4*s*	3 00
"	"	"	5	lbs. starch, 2*s*	1 25
"	"	"	1½	yds. linen, 4*s*	75
"	"	"	1	paper flax	13
"	"	"	1	" alum	13
"	"	"	1	doz. bunches tape	50
"	20.	"	2	thimbles	60
"	"	"	1	lb. indigo	2 00
"	"	"	1	box hair pins	10
Feb.	17.	"	9	yds. br'n muslin, 2*s*	2 25
"	"	"	1	pr. cotton hose	40
"	28.	"	2	papers pins	20
"	"	"	2	prs. white gloves	1 00
		"	"	" 3 yds. cotton lace, 1*s*	38
796		Continued from page 795.			
	Feb.	28.	To	papers pins	20
"	"	"	2	prs. white gloves	1 00
"	"	"	3	yds. cotton lace, 1*s*	38
"	"	"	1	wreath	25
"	"	"	1	pr. women' shoes	1 50
"	"	"	1	" " brogans	1 75
"	"	"	2	yds. blue ribbon	50
"	29.	"	4	" thread lace, 2*s*	1 00
Apr.	2	"	1	shirt, coat, & pants	11 00
"	"	"	1	pr. white b. gloves	50
"	"	"	1	gall. whiskey	75
"	"	"		candy	25
"	"	"	1	boy's hat	1 25
"	15.	"	½	yd. muslin	15
May	1.	"	2	balls cord	20
"	"	"	1	gall. whiskey	75
"	4.	"	6	skeins flax	50
"	5.	"	6	yds. silk, Boston, 4*s*	50
"	6.	"	"	" F. silk, Mrs. Graves	40
June	15.	"	1	file	60
July	11.	"		blacking, 40c.; mustard, 75	1 15
Aug.	12.	"	2	galls. corn whiskey	1 50
Sept.	18.	"	4	cakes soap, 4*s*., 2.00; 3 papers tax, 30	2 30
Oct.	2.	"	13	lbs. spikes, 1.30; 2 yds. domestic, 8c	1 46
"	"	"	6	yds. fine jaconett, 9.00; Nov. 3, 77 ys. Lowells, 9.63	18 63
"	"	"	3	boys' hats, 2.25; 1 pr. russets, 1.25	3 50
Dec.	24.	"	1	piece violet ribbon	75
"	"	"	20c.	sets marbles; 1 doz. oranges, 1.00; 1 doz. apples, 60	2 10
					70 81

CREDIT.

By W. J. Bushrod, favor ord. to S. W. Vance..... 49 98

20 83

Rece'd payment in full, Feb. 24th, 1860.
(Signed) H. K. P. TAYLOR.

797 12. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Emmanuel J. Wiss, Dr.*

To expenses on twenty-one negroes from South Carolina to Louisiana, to Red River..... 173 25
Blankets, &c., as pr. bill rendered 13 50

$186 75

Amount paid Patrick Ciellon for assisting out negroes from South Carolina $37 75

$224 50

BOSSIER PARISH, LA., *Decem. 5th*, 1859.

Received from S. W. Vance the sum of two hundred & twenty-four & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, being the amount due me for expenses on twenty-one negroes brought here by Jefferson Wiss in the month of October last.
(Signed) ALLEN VANCE.

13. SHREVEPORT, LA., *Apr. 23d*, 1859.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of C. Macarty:

1 box starch, 35 lbs, 1*s* 4 38

Rec'ed payment.
(Signed) C. MACARTY.
P'r DARRAINGER.

14. *S. W. Vance to White, Smith & Baldwin, Dr.*

1859.
Jan. 22. 6 coils rope, 46½ @ 23c..... 10 69
June 10. 1 pennon, 66..... 3 66
July 11. Bill rendered Haynes 15 99
" 23. 58 feet I. r. band, 60c..... 34 80
M'ch 1. Amount bill rendered 210 50
Interest..... 5 00

$280 64

Rec'ed payment by d'bt on H. K. Carter Co.
(Signed) WHITE, SMITH & BALDWIN.
P'r R. H. LINSEY.

15. SHREVEPORT, *Sept.* 1859.

Mrs. Alexander to str. Robt. Watson, Dr.

Dr. S. W. VANCE:

Freight on 2 box' crackers 5 00
1 box fruit 2 50

2	"	"	5 00
	1	" jelly	2 50
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		Freight on ½ box raisins	1 25
	"	" 6 " claret	15 00
	"	" 1 " glass	2 50
	"	" 1 " maccaroni	2 50
	"	" 1 " tom. catsup	2 50
	"	" 1 " cordial	2 50
	"	" 1 barrel vinegar	6 00
	"	" 1 demijohn wine	2 50
	"	" ¼ barrel almonds	2 50
			$52 25

Rec'ed payment.
(Signed) THOS. JACOBS.

16. JANUARY 21ST, 1860.

Received from S. W. Vance this day the sum of five hundred & fifty dollars by draft on Messrs. Farley, Jurey & Co., New Orleans, being amount due me for services rendered as overseer on the Buck Hall plantation for the year 1859.
(Signed) H. V. SENTELL.

17. Rec'ed, Shreveport, La., March 24th, 1860, of Dr. S. W. Vance, thirty-five dollars, being in full for medical services for 1859.
(Signed) W. H. WILLIAMS.

18. *S. W. Vance to G. B. Sleigh, Dr.*

1859.			
Jan.	10.	265 feet inch plank, 18 feet long	2 65
"	"	4 pieces, 3x4x12	48
"	"	10 " 3x3	1 20
"	"	640 feet r. edge	3 20
"	26.	200 " "	1 00
"	"	250 " inch planks	2 50
"	"	6 pieces, 2x6x18	88
"	"	5 " 3x4x14	70
	"	" 267 feet, inch, 18	2 67
799		Continued from page 798.	
	Jan.	26. To 300 feet ceiling	3 00
"	"	" 4 pieces 3x4x12	48
June	8.	" 800 f't rough edge	4 00
"	"	" 26 pieces 3x4x13	3 38
July	7.	" 986 feet ceiling	9 86
"	8.	" 1,000 " r. e.	5 00
"	21.	" 44 p'cs 3x10x18	18 19
"	22.	" 25 " 3x10x18	11 25
"	"	" 767 feet flooring	7 71
"	23.	" 1,670 " "	16 70
"	26.	" 1,212 " "	12 12

"	27.	" 771 " "	7	71
"	"	" 4 p'cs. 3x10x18	1	80
Aug.	8.	" 1,008 fe't ceiling	10	08
"	"	" 180 " flooring	1	80
"	"	" 4 pieces 3x4x18		72
"	"	" 6 " 5x6x18	2	70
"	"	" 8 " 3x10x18	3	60
"	12.	" 252 feet ceiling, 18	2	52
"	13.	" 2 " 4x6x24		96
			182	22
Sept.	8.	" 22 pieces 1¼x12x20	7	70
"	"	" 3 " 2¾x14x15	1	44
"	"	" 4 " 1¾x14x20	1	63
"	"	" 3 " 2¾x14x12		99
"	"	" 15 " 1x12x14	3	37
"	17.	" 2 " 1x13		34
"	21.	" 720 feet ceiling, 18	7	20
"	"	" 336 " " 12	3	36
"	22.	" 444 " " 18	4	44
Oct.	18.	" 1,000" w. b., 2 p. 3x4x24	10	48
			233	04

Rec'd pay't.
(Signed) G. B. SLEIGH.

800 19. *Dr. S. W. Vance, in % with J. D. Worthy, M. D.*
1859.

Aug.	29.	To visit to girl Maria	6	50
"	30.	" medicine & prescription	2	50
			9	00

Received payment.
(Signed) J. D. WORTHY.

20. Nine days' work for the Buck Hall plantation, thirty-seven dollars. May 21st, 1860.
Rec'ed payment.
(Signed) JOS. MARKS.

SHREVEPORT, LA., *Decem.*, 1859.

Dr. S. W. Vance bought of Ball & Dashiell:

Jan.	6.	4 oz. tinct. iodine, 4*s.*; 2 oz. Lemon, 4.00	4	50
"	"	1 bottle snuff, 2*s.*; 1 box figs, 12*s*	1	75
"	22.	1 can, 6*s.*; 3 galls. turpentine, 4*s.*; can, 2*s.*; s. lemon, 6*s*	5	50
"	"	½ lb. lampblack, 2*s.*; ½ doz. blacking, 50c		55
"	"	½ " phosphate of lime, 6*s.*; 8 papers seed	1	40
July	11.	1 walking cane, 24*s.*; 1 tooth-brush, 2*s*	3	50
"	17.	2 doz. oranges, 8*s.*; 2 doz. apples, 80c	1	80
"	"	½ " lemons, 2*s.*; ½ S. E. catheters, 6.00	6	25

"	18.	1 lb. soda	25
M'ch	4.	1 bottle claret wine, 10*s.*; 1 port money, 12*s.*	2 75
"	"	1 jar blue mass, 6*s.*; 50 envelopes, 2*s.*	1 00
"	"	1 lb. Eng. calomel, 16*s.*; 1 lead pencil, 10c	2 10
"	19.	1 gall. vinegar	50
Apr.	7.	Prescription 7227 & 7228; (9) 1 bot. sweet oil, 6*s.*	3 25
"	"	1 lb. whiting, 10c.; 1 lb. venitian red, 15c	25
"	"	4 oz. tinct. of iron, 3*s.*; can, 4*s.*; 2 gall. cast. oil, 4.00	4 88
"	23.	1 vol. life Kit Carson, 20*s.*; 4 oz. quinine, 6.00	8 50
"	"	1 box Eng. caps., 8*s.*; 1 gall. vinegar, 4*s*,	1 50
"	30.	2 lbs. soda, 4*s.*; 1 bottle indelible ink, 4*s.*	1 00
"	"	1 pocket shell-comb	1 00
May	3.	1 bot. bay rum, 6*s.*; 1 bot. pep'ermint, 4*s*	1 25
	"	14. 1 oz. iodide potassium, 8*s.*; 2 boxes hair pins, 2*s.*	1 25
801		Continued from page 800.	
		May 15th. To freight on ladies' trunk	1 00
"	24.	" 1 truss, 16*s.*; 2 lbs. percussion powder, 8*s*	3 00
"	"	" 2 lbs. black lead, 30; 1 box caps, 6*s*	1 05
"	"	" 1 quart No. 6, 10*s.*; 1 box extr. ginger, 10*s*	2 50
"	"	" 1 " paregori 12*s.*; 1 bot. cologne, 10*s*	2 75
"	"	" 4 oz. sulph. squills, 2*s.*; 1 oz. blue mass 2*s*	50
Aug.	7.	" 3 papers seeds, 2*s.*; 1 bot. olive oil. 6*s*	1 00
"	"	" 1 doz. stamped envelopes, 40*s.*; 2 w. w. brushes, 20*s*	2 90
"	20.	" 5 galls. lard oil, 7.50; 4 lbs. lampblack, 8*s*	8 50
Sept.	11.	" 1 map, 16*s.*; 1 slate, 6*s.*; 1 bot. No. 6, 6*s*	3 50
"	"	" 1 jar blue mass, 6*s.*; 3 gal. turpentine, 3.75	4 50
"	27.	" 3 gals. linseed oil & can, 4.50; 10 lbs. plum hop., 10*s*	5 75
"	"	" 6 bot'les brandy, 10.00; 1 box claret, 12.00	22 00
Oct.	4.	" demj., 6*s.*; 1 gall. best cologne, 6.00	6 75
"	"	" ½ gal. vinegar, 2*s.*; 2 marking brushes, 4*s*	75
"	"	" 2 s. e. balls, 4*s.*; 1 cloth brush, 1.75	2 25
"	13.	" 2 lbs. salaratus, 50c.; tamborine, 20*s*	3 00
Nov.	13.	" 1 oz. oil worm seed, 6*s.*; 4 oz. Fowler's sol., 4*s*	1 22
"	"	" 4 oz. p. ergot., 2*s.*; 1 bot. brandy, 16*s*	2 25
"	24.	" 1 qt. ether & bottle, 10*s.*; 3 lbs. syrup squills, 18*s*	3 50
"	"	" 1 lb gum camphor, 8*s.*; ½ ream l. paper, 9*s*	2 13
"	28.	" 3 galls. lard oil	4 50
"	"	" 2 " castor "	4 00
Apr.	5.	" 2 oz. jalap, 2*s.*; 2 lbs. flour sulphur	
"	"	" 1 lb. cream tartar, 4*s.*; 1 oz. 244 mail, 30	1 30
Aug.	25.	" Glass & repairing lantern	50
Dec.	25.	" 1 gall. fine brandy	10 00
			$156 80

Rece'd payment by sight draft on Farley, Jurey & Co., dated Jan. 16th, 1860.

(Signed) BALL & DASHIELL.

802 *Dr. S. W. Vance to Howard & Tally, Dr.*

1859.		
To freight paid		20 00
Charges p'r bill of landing		14 25
Commission		85
Storage		1 63
Drayage		82
		37 45

Articles.—9 trunks ; 3 bonnet boxes ; 1 child's carriage.

Oct. 10.	For freight & charges, 1 box & bale p'r Effort	31 88
		$69 33

Rece'd payment.
(Signed) HOWARD, TALLY & CO.

23. COLLINSBURG, LA.

S. W. Vance to Geo. W. Sentell & Co., Dr.

May 7.	1 wash bowl, by P. R. Gilmer	75
" 19.	6 yds. prints, for lady	90
" 20.	2 oven lids, 30, @ 6c	1 92
" 21.	1 steel spurr	75
" "	½ doz. buttons	15
Aug. 25.	Order	90
Oct. 21.	2 prs. child's half hose	50
" 22.	1 " col. hose, (order)	1 75
" "	1 " stirrup leathers	1 25
		$9 00

Rece'd payment, Jan. 19th, 1860.
(Signed) G. W. S.,
P'r W. M. SENTELL.

24.	Allen Vance's note for	2,677 00
	"This not among the papers on file."	
25.	Account of Childers & Beard	191 48
	"This account is mislaid or lost."	
26.	Amount due E. J. Wiss	13 50
	"This account is also missing," & cannot be found among the papers.	

803 27. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Howell & Buckner, Dr.*

Nov. 26.	9 coils manilla rope	159 15
Dec. 23.	2 bbls. flour, 8.50	17 00
" "	1 lbs. coffee, 14c	14 00
" "	25 lbs. candy, 15c	3 75
" "	1 gall. fine whiskey	1 25

" "	1 bbl. 4s.; sugar, 119 lbs. 10c	12 40
" "	1 keg, 4s.; 10 galls. whiskey, 4s	6 75
Feb. 15.	Interest	3 20
		217 50
	Settled by Draper	85 00
	Settled	302 50

(Signed) HOWARD & B.,
P'r THOMPSON.

28. *Dr. S. W. Vance to Wamsley, Carver Co., Dr.*

1859.

Sept. 27.	To cash paid freight bill str. Yazoo Belle on 1 trunk, 1 ch. carriage, 1 box	8 25
Oct. 15.	Hauling 1 load from st'boat Natchitoches	2 00
" " "	1 " " Natchitoches to Ecore	2 00
		12 25

Rece'd payment by assumption of Russell Co.

Dr. S. W. Vance to Russell & Co., Dr.

	To am't paid Walmsley & Co	12 25
" "	" for shipping trunk, &c., per Rescue	2 00
		$14 25

Collected same from str. Rescue.

(Signed) RUSSELL.

29. *Dr. S. W. Vance to A. C. McIntyre, Dr.*

1860.

Jan. 4th.	To one oil photograph for self	150 00
" " " " " "	little son	150 00
		$300 00

Received payment of H. W. Farley & Co., which I agree to refund if not satisfactory to Dr. Vance.

(Signed) A. C. McINTYRE.

804 30. *Dr. S. W. Vance to M. D. C. Cane, Dr.*

	To storage on 20 bbls	2 50
	" amount paid freight bill	2 50
	" 2½ % commission on 12.50	31
	" to interest	58
	" storage on 20 packages merch'ze	2 00
	" amount paid freight bill	52 25

" 2½ % commission	1 30
" interest 4 mos	1 39
	72 83

Rece'd payment of the above bill. Draft on H. K. Carter & Co., Feb. 15th, 1860.

(Signed) H. M. FULSOM.

31. *Invoice of sundries shipped by H. Kendall Carter & Co. per str. Rob't Watson for % of Dr. S. W. Vance.*

1 box soda crackers	2 25
1 " sugar	2 25
1 doz. cans assorted fruits	6 00
2 " " " " in juice	18 00
1 " assorted jellies	5 00
½ box layer raisins	2 00
1 bbl. cider vinegar	4 00
6 boxes Lafitte claret	54 00
1 demj., 8*s.*; 5 galls. Madeira	31 00
1 case French cordials	12 00
5 dutch cheeses	5 00
12½ boxes boneless sardines	4 80
½ doz. W. sauce	2 50
1 doz. tom. catsup	3 25
1 box Italian maccaroni	4 00
¼ bbl., 4*s.*, almonds	5 00
Drayage, 50; insurance, 2.63; commission, 4.04	6 67
	$168 22

NEW ORLEANS, *Sept. 15th*, 1859.

805 32. *Invoice of sundries purchased by H. Kendall Carter & Co., & shipped pr. str. Lecompte, for % of S. W. Vance.*

Bought of W. A. Violett & Co.:

1 bbl. com. sugar, 270, @ 7c	18 90
1 s'ck " coffee 164, @ 12c	19 68
1 bbl. rice, 230, @ 5c	11 50
1 demj'n 6*s.*; brandy, 3, @ 8	24 75
1 " 6*s.*; whiskey, 5, @ 2½	13 25
Drayage	25
Insurance on 96.00, @ 1¾ %	1 68
Commission, 2½ %	2 29
	92 30

NEW ORLEANS, *Feb. 15th*, 1859.

33. *Invoice of sundries purchased by H. Kendall Carter & Co., shipped pr. str. Lecompte, for % of S. W. Vance.*

Bought of Bridge & Son:

10 bbls. lime, 1.60	16 00
10 " cement, 1.75	17 50

Bought of C. H. Slocom & Co.:

3 kegs nails, 1, 4; 1, 8; 1, 12, @ 3.75	11 25
Drayage	25
Insurance on $50, 1¾ %	86
Commission, 2½ %	1 14
	47 00

NEW ORLEANS, *May 10th*, 1859.

34. *Invoice purchased by H. Kendall Carter & Co., & shipped pr. str. Lecompte, for % of S. W. Vance.*

Bought of J. A. Haggerty & Co.:

17 rolls India bagging, 2,150, @ 13c	279 50
10 coils rope, 2,458, @ 8½	208 93
10 hanks twine, 15, @ 16	2 40
Drayage	1 50
Insurance on $510, @ 1¾	8 92
Commission, 2½	12 52
	513 52

NEW ORLEANS, *March 29*, 1859.

806 35. *Invoice of sundries purchased by H. Kendall Carter & Co., & shipped pr. str. Lecompte, for % of S. W. Vance.*

Bought of W. A. Violett & Co.:

30 bbls. mess pork, @ 17½	525 00
4 " molasses, 171, @ 33	56 43
10 lbs. black pepper, @ 12½	1 25
6 lbs. spice, @ 10c	60
24 nutmegs	24
5 lbs. ginger; box, 4s	90
Drayage	2 00
Commission purchasing, 2½	14 66
	$601 08

NEW ORLEANS, *Apr. 12th*, 1859.

36. *Invoice of sundries purchased by H. Kendall Carter & Co., & shipped pr. str. Lecompte for % of S. W. Vance.*

10 bbls. mess pork, @ 18¾	187 50
1 " Plant's flour	8 00
¼ " cranberries	3 50
1 box sugar crackers, 17 lbs, @ 8c	1 76
8 sacks coarse salt, 90c	7 20
1 box tobacco, 109, @ 20c	21 80
Drayage	75

Bought of Frost & Co.:

50 prs. best oak russets	68 75

Bought of Bridge & Bros.:

500 fire-proof bricks	17 50
Insurance on $330, @ ¾ %	5 77
Commission, 2½ %	8 06
	$330 59

NEW ORLEANS, *March 15th*, 1859.

37. *Invoice of sundries purchased by H. Kendall Carter & Co., & shipped pr. str. Lecompte, for % of Mr. S. W. Vance.*

807 Bought of W. A. Violett & Co.:

1 bbl. ex. choice sugar, 233, @ 10c	23 30
1 " " " flour	7 50
5 bbls. mess pork, 19.25	96 25
Drayage	35
Bought of Henderson & Gaines:	
2 water jars, 3½	7 00
2 sides to fit, 2½	50
Drayage	25
Bought of C. H. Slocomb & Co:	
½ doz. Darling c. s. hoes	7 75
Box & drayage	35
Insurance on $150, @ 1¾	2 62
Commission, 2½ %	3 64
	149 51

NEW ORLEANS, *Feb. 1st*, 1859.

38. *Invoice of merch'ze purchased by Sentell & Prather, & shipped per str. Lecompte, for % S. W. Vance, esq'r.*

15 bbls. mess pork, 17c	255 00
Drayage	1 50
Insurance on $282, @ 1¾ %	4 94
Commission, 2½ %	6 41
	$267 85

NEW ORLEANS, *Decem. 11th*, 1860.

B. Insurance undercharged, B	60 26
40. Interest paid on note due P. R. Gilmer	440 00
B. Amount paid Allen Vance (v'ch. missing)	2,683 69
42. Paid D. H. Holmes (vouch. mislaid)	219 48
B. " W. Calhoun (mislaid)	80 00
B. Invoice p'r Doubloon, (v. mislaid)	164 11
B. Paid W. Arick	41 87
B. " E. Gwinn	25 00
Grand total	$11,621 37

(Endorsed:) Filed Jan. 19th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, c'k dist. court.

808 The foregoing accounts & vouchers should be on page (659) six hundred & fifty-nine of this transcript, and it is included in the same 1st annual account with the two minors of S. W. Vance, and embraced in the same order for publication & homologation, &c.

I have examined this account and the accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct, and fully approve the same, and waive notice of the filing of the same. This the sixteenth day of July, of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four (1864).

(Signed) P. R. GILMER,
Under Tutor.

Order.

Let publication of the filing of this account be made by posting notices hereof in the three different public places in the parish, there being no public newspaper published weekly in said parish.

Thus done officially on this the 19th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four (1864).

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Clerk Dist. Court.

(Endorsed:) Filed July 19th, 1864. (Signed) Thos. N. Braden, cl'k d. c.

809 *Interrogatories to & answers of Wm. Haynes, filed in evidence and marked* 12.

Probate court, parish of Bossier, Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EX'X.

Interrogatories propounded to William Haynes, of the parish of Caddo, whose answers are to be used on behalf of plaintiff on the trial of this case.

1st. Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit, and were you acquainted, and for how long a time, with the late Dr. S. W. Vance?

2d. Did you, or not, know the late J. B. Gilmer? If so, how long did you know him, and when did he die?

3d. Did or did not S. W. Vance marry a daughter of J. B. Gilmer? If so, state when. What property did S. W. Vance own at the time of his marriage? What business or profession did he follow at the time of his marriage, and what business or profession did he follow after his marriage?

4. When did S. W. Vance's first wife die, and how many children did she leave at her death? Please give the names of these children.

810 5. What property did Mary B. Gilmer, wife of S. W. Vance, own at her death, in lands, slaves, and personal effects? State how much of her real estate was in cultivation at the time of her death, and the number of working slaves, the number of mules, cattle, hogs, &c., she owned at that time, and state how you know these facts.

6. What was the rent of her land worth per acre per annum, from the date of her death to the 1st *first* of January? What was the worth of the working slaves and personal effects per annum during the same period of time?

7. Who cultivated the plantations and received proceeds of the crops from the death of Mary B. Vance to the 1st day of January, 1877, and state what crops of cotton these plantations were capable of producing, and how much they did actually produce annually?

8. How much cotton in bales and in seed did S. W. Vance have on hand at the close of the late civil war, 1865? Please state how you know the fact, and whether you ever heard Dr. Vance say how much cotton he had at the close of the war, or the amount of money received by him from the sales of the cotton?

811 9th. What were plantations in the neighborhood of Dr. Vance renting for during the years 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, and state how you know what they were renting for? What rent did you offer for Buck Hall plantation in 1869, and was it accepted or refused?

10. When did Dr. Vance marry his second wife? Did he or not support his family out of the proceeds of the crops made by him on the lands belonging to the children of his first wife? How many children did he have by his second wife?

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR,
For Pl'ff.

To the parish judge of Bossier Parish:

The plaintiffs in the suit of Vance et al. vs. Vance, ex'x, for an account of the tutorship of S. W. Vance, pray for an order & commission to take the answers of Wm. Haynes to the interrogatories accompanying this petition.

(Signed) LAND & TAYLOR,
For Pl'ff.

It is ordered that a commission issue to any competent authority of Caddo Parish to take the answers of William Haynes to the interrogatories propounded to him by the plaintiffs, returnable on or before the first Monday of September, 1878.

812 Done and signed at chambers this the 14th day of August, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

Cross-interrogatories.

Probate court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EX'X.

Opposition to account filed by executrix of S. W. Vance's will.

Executrix and accountant reserves all legal objections to interrogatories propounded to Wm. Haynes by opponents, & asks said witness the following cross-interrogatories:

X-int. 1st. Are your answers to direct interrogatories made from your own personal knowledge of the facts you state or from hearsay? Which do you state from personal knowledge, and which from hearsay?

X-int. 2d. How many women and children were there among the slaves owned by Mary B. Vance? Were any of the slave women child-bearing women at the time, and how many? Did any of said slave women have young children at that time or subsequently up to the date of their emancipation; if yea, how many? State as near as you can the number of women and children there were among the slaves owned by
813 Mary B. Vance at her death, and what proportion in numbers did the women & children slaves bear to the men slaves owned by her at that time.

X-int. 3d. During the existence of slavery was it profitable to the owners of slaves to hire out slave women who had young children, or those who bore children; was it more advantageous for slave owners to keep women & children slaves at home under the supervision of their owners rather than to hire them out to strangers?

X-int. 4. During the existence of slavery, was or not a healthy slave infant valued at the price of the hire for one year of a woman who bore a child during the year? If there was a difference in value, state it.

X-int. 5. To whom did the plantation known as Buck Hall belong to until about the date of Dr. S. W. Vance' death? Were the crops on that plantation damaged by overflows at any time from 1865 to 1877? If yea, during what years and to what extent?

X-int. 6th. Did not Dr. S. W. Vance acquire property during the life of Mary B. Vance & in community with her, & did he not inherit property from his deceased son, James B. G. Vance?

X-int. 7. Did not Dr. S. W. Vance own plantations known as
814 Shady Grove, South Side, and Coushatta prior to 1877? If yea, for how many years did he work and owned each of these places?

X-int. 8. What means have you for knowing how Dr. S. W. Vance supported his family? Were you familiar with all his means for obtaining an income? Don't you know that he had property of his own, both during his first wife's life-time and subsequently?

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for Executrix of S. W. Vance's Will.

Parish court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EXE'X. } No. 15. Probate docket.

To L. E. Carter, notary public, or to any judge, justice of the peace, or notary public of Caddo Parish, State of Louisiana, greeting:

Know ye that we, reposing confidence in your prudence and fidelity, do by these presents give unto you authority and power diligently to examine William Haynes, of the parish of Caddo, La., in the above-entitled suit, now pending in our court, as well on part of plaintiffs as that of defendant. Therefore we desire you at certain time and place, by you to be appointed for that purpose, to cause the said witness Haynes to come before

815 you, that you then and there examine him upon his oath, first duly administered according to law; that you reduce the said examination to writing, and when you shall have thus taken the same, that you send it closed up, under your seal, to us, in our said court, at the court-house, town of Bellevue, La., on or before 1st Monday, 2d day, Sep't'r, 1878, and have you then & there this commission.

Witness Hon. B. F. Foot, Bossier Parish judge, the (14th) fourteenth day of August, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y C'k Dist. C't, Bossier Parish, La.

Deposition of William Haynes, produced, sworn, and examined on the day hereinafter stated, at the residence of William Haynes, in Caddo Parish, State of Louisiana, under and by virtue of the annexed commission, issued out of the parish court of Bossier Parish, State of Louisiana, probate docket No. 15, to take deposition in a certain cause pending and at issue between Sarah E. Vance et al. vs. Sarah E. Vance, ex't'x, defendant.

(Signed) LEWIS E. CARTER,
Notary Public in & for Caddo Parish, La.

816 WILLIAM HAYNES, who, first being duly sworn on the Holy Bible, on the 27th day of August, A. D. 1878, doth depose and says as follows:

To the first interrogatory he answers: I am acquainted with the parties to this suit, and I have been acquainted with the late Dr. S. W. Vance since 1853 (eighteen hundred & fifty-three).

To the second interrogatory he answers: I knew the late J. B. Gilmer; I have known the late J. B. Gilmer since 1852 or 1853; he died in 1856.

To the third interrogatory: S. W. Vance married a daughter of the late J. B. Gilmer; he married her in 1854. Witness does not know that S. W. Vance owned any property at the time of his marriage with the daughter of the late J. B. Gilmer. S. W. Vance was a practicing physician at the time of his marriage, and had been in the county two or three years before his marriage. After his marriage his business was that of a planter; he practiced on the Kingston plantation, and the Buck Hall plantation, belonging to the estate of J. B. Gilmer; after his marriage he gave up his general practice of medicine, and know that he did after February, 1856. I know this because he hired me to oversee the Egypt plantation, belonging to the estate of J. B. Gilmer. At that time
817 Dr. S. W. Vance was acting as the agent of J. B. Gilmer, who was at that time making arrangements to leave the country.

Answer to 4th interrogatory. The first wife of S. W. Vance, daughter of J. B. Gilmer, dece'd, died in October, 1859, soon after the return of herself and husband from a trip North; she left two children at the time of her death. Their names were James B. G. Vance and Sarah E. Vance; their mother's name was Mary B. Gilmer, daughter of J. B. Gilmer.

Answer to the 5th interrogatory. J. B. Gilmer had three children: Mary, wife of S. W. Vance; Mattie, the present Mrs. Kennedy, whose first husband was P. V. O'Neil; and Eliza, who married R. Y. Graves; who inherited from their father Buck Hall plantation, Kingston plantation, Egypt plantation, & Christiana plantation. The Egypt plantation at

that time embraced what is now known as the Coushatta plantation and what is now known as the Cuba plantation; also a portion of the Barnett plantation, in the State of Arkansas. In a partition of the plantations belonging to J. B. Gilmer, Mary B. Gilmer, wife of S. W.
818 Vance, received the Buck Hall plantation, the slaves, mules, and personal effects on said plantation. Mattie Gilmer received the Kingston plantation, with the slaves, mules, and personal effects on said plantation. Eliza Gilmer received the Egypt plantation, with the slaves, mules, and personal effects on said Egypt plantation. On the Buck Hall plantation, belonging to Mary B. Gilmer, wife of S. W. Vance, there were in cultivation not less than six hundred and fifty acres, and afterwards there was more land cleared up and brought into cultivation. Witness believes that at the time of Mary B. Gilmer's death there were upon the Buck Hall plantation between forty and fifty hands; the inventory will show the exact number. I believe there were upon the Buck Hall plantation about thirty mules at the time of the death of Mary B. Gilmer, wife of S. W. Vance; at that time there were but few hogs or cattle upon the Buck Hall plantation. I know the facts I have just stated, because I lived upon the Kingston plantation adjoining the Buck Hall plantation, and passed through the Buck Hall plantation most every day. I commenced overseeing on the Kingston plantation in the year 1856, and continued on said plantation until January, 1865. I had the oppor-
819 tunity of knowing personally the facts stated, because I lived upon the adjoining plantation and they came under my observation daily.

Answer to 6th interrogatory. I do not know of any Red River plantations having been leased out before the war. Because the owners found it more profitable to cultivate their plantations with the slaves they owned than to lease them out is the reason why witness states that Red River plantations were not leased out before the war. After the war and the abolition of slavery Red River plantations were leased out. The Buck Hall plantation would have rented from January 1st, 1866, to the first day of January, 1877, a period of eleven years, at an average rate of seven dollars p'r acre. My reason' for this estimate of the estimation of the value of the average rent of the Buck Hall plantation for the period mentioned are that the adjoining plantation of J. W. Vance was rented for five thousand dollars per year in gold by myself and S. W. Vance, the husband of Mary B. Gilmer. There was about the same amount of cleared land upon each plantation, and the quality of the land upon each plantation was
820 about the same, & the improvements upon each plantation were about the same. The Shady Grove plantation, which is near the Buck Hall plantation, contains about five hundred acres of cleared land, was rented for four thousand dollars per year for the years 1870 & 1871. Witness says he worked all the Shady Grove plantation in connection with S. W. Vance, and paid him two thousand dollars p'r year for one-half of the rent, Dr. S. W. Vance charging himself with two thousand dollars per year for his half of the rent in his settlement with witness. Dr. S. W. Vance refused to rent the Shady Grove plantation to Wm. Boisseau for the sum of four thousand dollars per year, the said Boisseau offering that amount with city acceptances. The quality of the land on the Shady Grove plantation is no better than that of the Buck Hall plantation, and if a wet year not so certain of a crop. The plantation known as Little Bee Bend

plantation, three or four miles from the Buck Hall plantation, containing about 270 acres cleared land, rented for the years 1870, 1871, & 1872 at a rent—estimated at a rent—of twenty-five hundred dollars per year, payable in cotton. The Buck Hall plantation is a first-rate place; as good as any on Red River. Such lands have been rented since the war
821 for from seven to ten dollars per acre. Negroe men before the war would hire for one hundred and fifty dollars per year, and extra hands for two hundred dollars per year. The hire of women before the war was from seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-five per year. The hire of boys and girls depended upon their age and size. Plow boys would hire for seventy-five to one hundred dollars per year; girls from twelve to fourteen would hire from fifty to seventy-five dollars per year. The slaves upon the Buck Hall plantation would have hired for the amounts above stated, that is, the working hands, including men, women, boys, and girls. The general estimate of the hire of mules was twenty-five dollars per year, and the mules on the Buck Hall plantation would have hired for that amount.

Answer to 7th interrogatory. Dr. S. W. Vance cultivated the Buck Hall plantation, and received the proceeds of the crops from the death of Mary B. Gilmer, his first wife, in 1859, to to the first day of January, 1877. Buck Hall produced in the year 1859 about five hundred bales of cotton, in the *the* year 1860 it produced about two hundred and fifty
822 to two hundred and sixty bales of cotton; the crop of 1860 was badly injured by the cotton lice; in the year 1861 there was made on the Buck Hall plantation about two hundred and seventy-five or three hundred bales of cotton; after that, during the war, there was a little cotton raised on the place every year. In the year 1866, I think, there was one hundred and fifty bales made on the Buck Hall plantation. In 1866 there was a very light crop made in the bottoms, as it was drowned out. The crop of 1867 on Buck Hall was very small, not over one hundred bales, caused by overflows and worms. I think there was made on the Buck Hall plantation in 1868 about (275) two hundred and seventy-five bales; this year, 1868, I think the Buck Hall plantation was cultivated by Harry W. Ogden and S. W. Vance in partnership. I think Ogden was to receive one-half of the crop; that was my understanding from S. W. Vance and H. W. Ogden. The year 1869 was a good crop year, and I think the yield was about the same as the year 1868, say, two hundred and seventy-five bales of cotton. It was in 1868 or 1869 that H. W. Ogden was in partnership with S. W. Vance, I am not certain which year. In the year 1870 I think there were about one hundred
823 and eighty bales made on Buck Hall plantation. In the years 1871 & 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876 ranged from one hundred and sixty to two hundred bales per year. I heard Dr. S. W. Vance say that the crop of 1858 netted twenty-two thousand dollars, and the crop of Kingston plantation netted twenty-eight thousand dollars. I know nothing of the Plaindealing plantation that belonged to the plaintiff and her brother, or of its cultivation by S. W. Vance. S. W. Vance lived on that plantation two years during the war.

Answer to the 8th interrogatory. My understanding was that there was upon the Buck Hall plantation at the close of the war three hundred bales

of cotton; there was also cotton on the Coushatta plantation, but witness does not know the number of bales. I was on the Buck Hall plantation after I returned from Texas, about November, 1865, when Dr. S. W. Vance sold to Mr. Goodlet, of Shreveport, La., one hundred bales cotton for thirty cents per pound, in gold. Dr. S. W. Vance told me that he had shipped a portion of his cotton to Liverpool, and had lost by doing so; could have got more for same cotton in Shreveport. I do not think there
824 any cotton in the seed upon Buck Hall plantation in November, 1865. I think Goodlet paid Dr. S. W. Vance, for the one hundred bales of cotton with a check upon Johnson's bank, at Shreveport.

Answer to 9th interrogatory. The plantation of J. W. Vance, adjoining Buck Hall, was rented for the years 1866, 1867, 1868, & 1869, for five thousand dollars in gold. I know this plantation rented for the amount just mentioned, five thousand dollars in gold, per year, because I was a partner of S. W. Vance and paid one-half of the rent. In the year 1869 Dr. S. W. Vance offered to rent me the Buck Hall plantation for the sum of (4,500) four thousand five hundred dollars, but afterwards declined to let me have it, as he had declined going to the city of New Orleans to reside.

Answer to 10th interrogatory. Dr. S. W. Vance married his second wife about the commencement of the war; I do not now remember the year. I do not know of any other means except the proceeds of the crops made upon the plantations of the children of his first wife, that he had to sup-
825 port his family upon, until he purchased the Shady Grove plantation. He bought the Shady Grove plantation in 1869. Dr. S. W. Vance received some ten or twelve slaves by his second wife, during the war. Dr. S. W. Vance had three children by his last wife.

Answers to cross-interrogatories.

Answer to 1st X-interrogatory. Most of my answers are made from my own personal knowledge, some from hearsay; those I have so noted in my direct answers.

X-int. No. 2. I cannot state the number of slave women and children owned by Mary B. Vance at the time of her death. Yes, there were some of the women child-bearing, but I cannot say how many. Yes, the slave women had children at that time and up to the time of their emancipation, but cannot state how many. The men and women were about equal in number; there were a good number of children, but the number I cannot give.

Answer to 3d X-interrogatory. It was not profitable to the owners of slaves to hire out women with children or those who bore children. I think it would have been more advantageous to slave owners to
826 keep women and children slaves at home than to hire them out to strangers.

Answer to 4th X-interrogatory. The value of a healthy slave infant during slavery was valued at one hundred dollars. The hire of a woman during slavery without a child was from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five dollars. The hire of a woman with a child was from fifty to one hundred dollars, depending on the character of the woman.

Answer to 5th X-interrogatory. The Buck Hall plantation belonged to Sarah E. Vance, the daughter of Mary B. Gilmer, up to the time or about

the time of the death of Dr. S. W. Vance. The crops on the Buck Hall plantation were injured by overflows in the years 1866 & 1867; the crops were badly damaged. The amount of crops made in these years have been answered in my answers to interrogatories-in-chief.

Answer to 6th interrogatory. Dr. S. W. Vance bought property in the life-time of his first wife, Mary B. Vance, and inherited property by the death of his son, James B. Vance. The property bought in the life-
827 time of his first wife was slave property. I do not know with whose money they were bought. I do not know of any land being bought in the life-time of his first wife.

Answer to 7th interrogatory. S. W. Vance owned the plantations known as Shady Grove, Coushatta, & South Side, previous to 1877. He purchased Shady Grove in 1869, and made his first crop on said place in 1870 in partnership with witness. He also bought South Side plantation in 1869, but bought it for witness, from Col. J. M. Sandige. Sandige made S. W. Vance a title, and S. W. Vance made a title to witness to all of the South Side plantation, except two hundred acres. This was in 1869.

S. W. Vance inherited a portion of the Coushatta plantation from his son James in the year 1864, and I think he bought a portion of said plantation from Miss Mattie Gilmer about 1859. Dr. S. W. Vance told witness that after the war he lost money on the Coushatta plantation all the time. Dr. Vance made some cotton on the Coushatta plantation during the war.

Answer to 8th interrogatory. I only know what means Dr. Vance
828 had of supporting his family from what he told me. He told witness that all he charged the children of his first wife for attending to their business was the support of his family. The only means that I know of Dr. S. W. Vance having of obtaining an income was the proceeds of the plantations. Dr. S. W. Vance had a negro boy and girl that he brought both with him from South Carolina in the year 1859, before the death of his wife, which he said his father had given to him. Dr. S. W. Vance bought slaves during the life-time of his first wife, but I do not know with whose money he bought them. I do not know whether Dr. S. W. Vance bought an interest in Coushatta plantation before or after the death of his first wife, but I think it was before. After the death of his first wife Dr. S. W. Vance purchased the Shady Grove plantation, as before mentioned, in the year 1869.

(Signed) WM. HAYNES.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of August, 1878.

(Signed) LEWIS E. CARTER,
Notary Public in & for Caddo Parish, La.

I, Lewis E. Carter, the undersigned notary public, do hereby certify that Wm. Haynes, the witness hereinbefore named and examined by me at the time and place named, and after publicity, and solemnly
829 swearing him to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in answer to the direct and cross interrogatories annexed, I then and there proceeded to examine him by propounding to him the said direct and cross interrogatories, and reducing, in my presence and that of the witnesses, his answers thereto in writing with my own hand, and after carefully reading over to him his said answers and correcting

the same, I then caused him, the said Wm. Haynes, to sign his deposition in my presence as already stated.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 27th day of August, in the year 1878.

(Signed) LEWIS E. CARTER,
Notary Public.

Filed in evidence and marked "12." Oc. 25, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d. c'k.

J. A. SNIDER, Esqr., sworn on part of executrix and intervenors, states, that he is the attorney of the executrix of S. W. Vance's succession & last will & testament; that the amount of the debts accepted by the succession of S. W. Vance through the executrix is about forty-two thousand dollars (42,000), not including interest, and that there will be a consider-
830 able amount of money necessary for the law charges, &c., in the settlement of said succession of S. W. Vance, deceased. Witness further states that the document now presented before the court, marked "Will of Mary B. Vance," is the identical document presented by witness to M. G. Kennedy, R. Y. Graves, R. C. Cummings, & Geo. W. Sentell, when on the stand as witnesses in this case.

Will of Mary B. Vance, filed & marked "P."

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

JANUARY 8TH, 1857.

I, Mary B. Vance, wife of Samuel W. Vance, being of sound and disposing mind, do declare the following to be my last will and testament: It is my will that my husband, Sam'l W. Vance, at my death, shall receive all that portion of my estate which the law allows me to dispose of, which I believe to be one-fourth of my entire estate, both movable and immovable. The remaining portion I will to my child, James B. G. Vance, or to my children, if there should be more than him.

(Signed) MARY B. VANCE.

BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, *January 8th*, 1857.

Filed in evidence and marked "P" this Oct. 25th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

831 Act of sale from Mrs. Mattie G. Gilmer to S. W. Vance for a certain portion of Coushatta place, situated in Caddo Parish, offered in evidence, with leave to substitute certified copy, provided the same or a copy thereof can be produced, else by consent of counsel for executrix, intervenors, and opponents the non-production thereof will not affect the parties to this suit, & in case of non-production same will not be considered in evidence.

(The original nor copy has not been produced by either of the parties, nor has any one produced said act or copy.)

First ann'l acc't, petition, order, and judgment of homologation, & vouchers supporting same, in tutorship of Jas. B. G. Vance & Sarah E. Vance, filed & marked O & R.

(See T, pages 556 to 659.
Also " T, " 790 to 808.)

2d ann'l acc't, petition, vouchers, order, and judgment of homologation, all filed, marked S.

(See T, pages 659 to 695.)

Petition, final account, order, judgment of homologation, in succession of J. B. G. Vance, dec'd, filed & m'k'd.

(See T, 499 to 504.)

Clerk's office, 17th dist. court.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

832 To Austin Miller, recorder, or to any other notary public of said parish:

You are hereby authorized (in pursuance of an order of our said court) to take an inventory and cause an apprais'ment to be made of all the property, real and personal, movable and immovable, rights and credits, to be found in your parish belonging to Jas. B. G. Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance, minor heirs of Mary B. Gilmer, dec'd, late wife of Samuel W. Vance, of said parish and State, which inventory is taken at the instance of S. W. Vance, tutor for said minors.

And make due return of your proces verbal to this office, as required by law.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Bellevue, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1859.

(Signed) A. A. ABNEY,
Clerk Dist. Court.

Filed in evidence, marked W., Oct. 25th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

I, Austin Miller, recorder of the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, do hereby appoint Messrs. Robert L. Gilmer and Elias O'Neil appraisers to value and estimate all property lying and being in the parish of Bossier belonging to the minors James B. Gilmer Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance, the heirs of Mary B. Vance, dece'd.

Given under my hand & seal of office on this 23d day of February, A. D. 1860.

(Signed) AUSTIN MILLER,
Recorder.

833 We, Robert L. Gilmer & Elias O'Neil, having been appointed appraisers to value and appraise the property pointed out to us, as belonging to the minors James B. Gilmer Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance, heirs of Mary B. Vance, deceased, do solemnly swear that, in estimating the property, we will act impartially, and according to the best of our judgment. So help us God.

(Signed) ROBT. L. GILMER.
(") ELIAS O'NEIL.

Sworn to and signed on this 23d day of February, A. D. 1860, before me.

AUSTIN MILLER,
Recorder & ex officio N. P.

Filed & marked X, Oct. 25th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

To the honorable the judge of the 10th judicial district court, holding session in and for the parish of Bossier:

The petition of S. W. Vance, tutor of his minor children, J. B. G. Vance and Sarah Eliza Vance, all of whom reside in said parish, respectfully represents:

That, by a partition made between the testamentary heirs of the late George Gilmer, deceased, a certain tract of land belonging to said succession fell to said minors, said land being part of the plantation known as the Bee Bend plantation, in said parish of Bossier.

Your petitioner further states that he beleives it will be for the
834 interest of said minors to sell the aforesaid tract of land, and invest the proceeds thereof in another tract belonging to Eliza L. Gilmer, wife of R. Y. Graves, situated in Caddo Parish and adjoining a plantation belonging to your petitioner.

He further shows that it is necessary and proper a family meeting should be assembled for the purpose of deliberating and advising in the premises, and also that an under tutor be appointed for said minors, they being at present without one. Wherefore your petitioner prays that, in consideration of the premises, a family meeting, composed of the following named persons, friends and relatives of said minors, James Marks, Nicholas Marks, J. W. Vance, R. W. Vance, G. W. Sentell, A. L. Chapman, J. S. Milling, and Jas. A. Herron, be assembled at the residence of R. Y. Graves, in said parish of Bossier, on the day of May, 1864, at the hour of a. m., and that M. P. Long, recorder & ex officio notary public, be appointed to hold said meeting, for the purpose of deliberating as aforesaid; and he further prays that Peachy R. Gilmer, a resident of said parish, be appointed under tutor to said minors, and for all such orders and decrees as may be necessary in the premises, and for general relief.

(Signed) HODGE & DUNCAN, *Att'ys.*

835 Clerk's office, 10th dist. court.

TUTORSHIP OF THE MINORS }
JAMES B. G. & SARAH E. VANCE. }

In this cause, by reason of the law, it is ordered and decreed that a family meeting be convoked, composed of the relatives and friends of the

minors James B. G. and Sarah E. Vance, to deliberate and advise whether or not it would be to the interest of said minors that a part of the Bee Bend plantation, which was drawn for them as heirs of the succession of Geo. E. Gilmer, dec'd, should not be sold, and the proceeds thereof converted into other lands belonging to E. L. Gilmer, and that James Marks, Nicholas Marks, J. W. Vance, G. W. Sentell, R. W. Vance, A. L. Chapman, J. S. Milling, & Jas. A. Herron, any five of whom may act, compose said family meeting. It is further ordered that Peachy R. Gilmer be, and he hereby is, appointed and confirmed under tutor to said minors. Thus done officially on this the 2d day of June, A. D. 1864.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
C'k Dist. Court.

Filed in evidence, marked Y, Oct. 25, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k.

Petition for family meeting & sale of property.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

To the hon. parish judge of Bossier Parish:

836 The petition of S. W. Vance, tutor for Sarah E. Vance, minor, issue of his former marriage with Mary B. Gilmer, dec'd, and father and tutor of Mary B. G. Vance, also a minor, issue of his marriage with Sarah E. James, represents that said minors are interested in right of their dec'd brother, James B. G. Vance, issue of said first marriage, and the first named in right of his deceased mother in certain real estate laid off about the year 1841, by George L. Walmsley, U. S. d'y surveyor, on Red River, at the place in Bossier Parish known as the Coushatta Bluffs, for more particular description of which reference is made to said map, and that it is to the interest of said minors that their undivided interest in said lots of land be sold in order to establish a town, in accordance with the original plan of their deceased grandfather, James Blair Gilmer, the execution of which was postponed by the accumulation of the Red River raft, the removal of which recently secures the opportunity of this advantage to said minors. Also comes R. Y. Graves, of the same residence, father and natural tutor of Mattie Graves, Washington V. Graves, and Mary Eliza Graves, all minors, issue of his marriage with Eliza L. Gilmer, dec'd, who adopts the foregoing allegations, and alleges further that his said minors also

837 own undivided interests in the same property in right of their deceased mother, and that it is of evident advantage to them to make sale of the same according to the before recited survey, and that thereby a value will be given to said interest and property which can be had in no other way. The premises considered, petitioner prays that a family meeting be convoked according to law to advise in the premises, and if the advice of said family meeting in said tutorship shall be in accordance with said petition that the same be homologated, approved, and made the judgment of the court, and that the sale be ordered of the interest of said minors accordingly.

Petitioners represent further that Captain Joseph B. Winston, of Bossier Parish, is the only male relative of the Graves minors residing in said parish, or thirty miles from it, and is also a common relative to the Vance

minors; and they pray that said Winston and R. W. Vance, J. P. Vance, & W. C. Vance, relatives of the Vance minors and friends of the Graves minors, together with N. W. Sentell, also a friend of both sets of minors, may be summoned to compose a family meeting common to both, to deliberate and advise in the premises.

They further represent that Peachy R. Gilmer, of Bossier, is
838 under tutor to the Vance minors, hereinbefore named; that the former under tutor of the Graves minors is dead, and suggests that said Peachy R. Gilmer be appointed under tutor for them also, and pray that he may have notice of this application, and to attend the double family meeting prayed for, and for all other necessary orders & general relief, &c.; and that commission issue to hold said family meeting, and to make the sale it advised thereby. Petitioners further represent that it may be advisable to buy in some of said property, in the name and for the benefit of the said minors of each set.

Wherefore they pray that said family meeting may advise as to that also, & as before.

(Signed) EGAN & WISE,
Atty's for Petitioners.

By reason of the law, and the foregoing petition, it is ordered that a commission issue, directed to L. W. Brashear, recorder, to convoke a family meeting as prayed for in the foregoing petition, and for the purpose prayed for, at his office in Bellevue, on the 15th day of July, 1873, and that the following named persons be notified to attend as members
839 of said meeting, to wit, J. B. Winston, R. W. Vance, & J. P. Vance, & W. C. Vance, and due return make of the same as the law directs. Done and signed this 10th day of July, 1873.

(Signed) L. W. BAKER,
Parish Judge, B. P. La.

Filed in evidence, & marked Z, Oct. 25, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y cl'k d. c.

Intervenors Geo. W. Sentell & Co. adopt all the evidence offered on part of the executrix on this trial.

Evidence closed Oct. 25th, 1878.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier;

I, B. F. Foot, Bossier Parish judge, do hereby certify that the foregoing 69 pages do contain all the evidence adduced by the parties on the trial of the case of S. E. Vance et al. vs. S. E. Vance, executrix of the estate of S. W. Vance, dec'd, G. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors, No. 15 probate docket, Bossier Parish court, La., and a list of such documents as were produced in evidence by the parties.

Thus done, read, and signed in open court, on this the 26th day of October, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed October 26th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Bossier Parish court.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXE'T'X, G. W. SENTELL & Co., intervenors. } No. 15. Probate docket.

840 *Extract from the minutes Oct. 23d, 1878.*

Attachment for intervenor's witness, J. A. Herron, ordered & returnable 12 m. to-morrow.

Exe't'x & intervenor's 1st bill of exceptions filed.

Exe't'x & intervenor's 2d bill of exceptions filed.

In parish court, Bossier Parish, La.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXE'T'X, G. W. SENTELL & Co., int'v. } No 15. Probate docket.

To the sheriff of the parish of Bossier, greeting:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, and by authority of the same, you are hereby commanded and required to attach instanter one Jas. A. Herron, if to be found in said parish, and bring him before our said honorable court now sitting in the town of Bellevue, said parish and State, to testify as a witness in the above entitled suit on the part of S. E. Vance, executrix, & G. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors. Make return thereof by 12 o'clock on to-morrow, the 24th October, A. D. 1878.

By order of the honorable B. F. Foot, judge of said court, on this the 23d day of October, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Clerk Dist. Court.

Sheriff's returns.

Received the within attachment on the 23d day of October, 1878, and one the 24th day of same month and year I attached the within
841 named Jas. A. Herron at his domicile, in Bossier Parish, La., 20 miles from Bellevue, & now have him before the court.

(Signed) L. C. BRIGGS, *D'y Sh'ff.*

Filed October 24th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k. d. c.

1st bill of exceptions of ex't'x & intervenors.

In Bossier Parish court, Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'TX. } No. 15.

Be it remembered on this trial counsel for executrix & intervenors objected to the opponents' questions to R. W. Vance & all other witnesses, to

prove and show both the value of land rent and slave hire; also the value of crops produced & cotton sold by S. W. Vance, while acting tutor, because such two demands were contradictory and conflicted the one with the other. That opponents must elect the one demand, the crop values, or the other demand, value of rent and hire, as the two grounds of opposition were inconsistent and conflicted the one with the other, which objections were by the court overruled, and opponents allowed to introduce such as their evidence, for these reasons, namely:

Because the opponent is not required to elect, the tutor being re-
842 sponsible for the crops produced and cotton sold if he cultivated the plantations by no authority of family meeting, if the income thereby exceeds land rent and slave hire; to which ruling of the court executrix and G. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors, excepted, and tender this their bill of exceptions, which is accordingly read and signed in open court this the 23d day of October, 1878.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

Filed October 23d, 1878. (Signed.) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k., d. c.

2d bill of exceptions by ex't'x & intervenors.

Bossier Parish court, La.

E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'T'X. } No. 15. Probate docket.

Be it remembered, on this trial opponents' counsel asked R. W. Vance, a witness, what amount of money S. W. Vance told him he had at & soon after the close of the late war—Confederate war; to which question and the answer sought executrix & intervenors, Sentell & Co., by counsel, objected, and to all other questions to all witnesses, of same kind, objected, on the ground that S. E. Vance, opponent, could not prove the loose, unsworn statements of her father, now dec'd, to prove her claims herein, to
843 the prejudice of other succession creditors, the succession being insolvent. Such proof was hearsay and unsworn, & without the chance of cross-examination or contradiction, and declarations of the father, in favor of his daughter, to the prejudice of his creditors; which objections were, by the court, overruled, and the said witness ordered to answer for the following reasons, namely: That a debt to a daughter can be proved in same manner as a debt to any other creditor; to which ruling executrix, & G. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors, excepted & tender this their bill of exceptions, which is read & signed in open court on this the 23d day of October, 1878.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed Oct. 23d, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, dep' clerk.

Extract from the minutes, Oct. 24th, 1878.

Bossier Parish court, Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL,
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'T'X, G. W. SENTELL & CO., int'rs. } No. 15. Probate docket.

Oct. 24th, 1878. Opponents first bill of exceptions filed. J. A. Herron discharged from attachment.

Bill of exceptions by opponents.

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844 Be it remembered, that on the trial of this suit the defendant & executrix offered to prove, by the testimony of B. B. Matlock and W. C. Vance, witnesses summoned in the case, the allegations contained in her petition accompanying the accounts of the tutorship rendered by her, that the tutor of opponent had delivered to her, in his life-time, all the personal and movable property belonging to the minor, and that by said delivery said tutor had been discharged, and that the executrix of the last will & testament of the tutor was likewise discharged from accountability for said personal and movable property to said opponent, and that the executrix was not bound to render any account of said property under the order of this court, and that opponent, by her counsel, objected to the introduction of said testimony, on the grounds that the settlement of the tutor's accounts for the personal and movable property of the minor with the minor after emancipation, and the discharge of the tutor by the minor, could not be proved by parol evidence, but could only be proved by evidence in writing, signed by the minor after the rendering of the account and delivery of vouchers by the tutor; and that the said objections
845 were overuled by the court, and the testimony of said witness was received and admitted in evidence for the following reasons:

"Because the testimony to prove the tutor entitled to a discharge by the court can be parol; but a discharge & settlement between the tutor and the minor can only be proved by writing, & no attempt is made to show that the minor did discharge & settle with her tutor;" and that opponent, by her counsel, excepted to the ruling of the court as erroneous, and tendered thereto this her bill of exceptions, and prayed that it be signed and made a part of the record in the case, which was accordingly done.

Done and signed in open court this the 24th day of October, 1878.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

Filed Oct. 24th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k, d. c.

Extract from the minutes, Oct. 25th, 1878.

Parish court, Bossier Parish, La.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'T'X, G. W. SENTELL, INT'RS. } No. 15. Probate docket.

Oct. 25, 1878. This case has been on trial from Oct. 22, 1878,
846 to and during this day, when the evidence was closed by both parties.

Parish court, Bossier Parish, La.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'T'X, G. W. SENTELL CO., int'rs. } No. 15. Probate docket.

Oct. 26th, 1878. Agreement of counsel for executrix, intervenor, and opponents is, that this case, taken under advisement by the court, may be decided and judgment rendered at the next term of this court.

Court was then adjourned, by order of the court, sine die.

Thus done, read, and signed, in open court, on this the 26th day of October, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

Extract from the minutes.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Be it remembered, that on this the 11th day of & 2d Monday of November, 1878, court opened pursuant , his hon. B. F. Foot presiding.

Tuesday morning, November 12th, 1878, court opened pursuant to adjournment, his hon. B. F. Foot presiding.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX, GEO. W. SENTELL CO., int'ors. } No. 15. Parish court.

Judgment for opponents. (See decree.)
Judgment signed.

847 *Judgment.*

In Bossier Parish court, La. On probate docket.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'T'X, G. W. SENTELL CO., inter'rs. } No. 15.

On the 15th day of October, 1859, Mary B. Gilmer, wife of Samuel W. Vance, died, leaving as her heirs two minor children, Sallie E. Vance

and James B. G. Vance. Their father, said S. W. Vance, qualified as their natural tutor, and caused inventories of their property to be made. The minor J. B. G. Vance died on the 11th day of June, 1864, but before his death fell heir, with his sister, Sallie E. Vance, to a portion of the estate of his grandfather, Peachy R. Gilmer, of Alabama, and also heir under a will to a portion of the estate of his grand uncle, George E. Gilmer. Thus, the sources from whence said Sallie E. Vance derived her property are her mother, grandfather, grand uncle, brother, & income from her own property. The father and natural tutor filed several accounts of the tutorship, but no final account.

The minor Sallie E. Vance was emancipated, & a few months afterwards, to wit, on the 13th day of February, 1877, married S. J. Ziegler.

Aforesaid tutor, S. W. Vance, died on the 18th day of May, 1877.

848 On an order obtained from the parish judge, on application of S. E. Vance & her husband, S. E. Vance, executrix of the last will of S. W. Vance, & widow of said S. W. Vance, filed the final account of the tutorship of S. E. Vance, the minor. This suit is the opposition to said account made by S. E. Vance and her husband, the opponents, being put as plaintiffs in the name of the suit. All the accounts rendered by the tutor are made part of the final account, and are opposed.

The first question for decision is, is it lawful for a tutor to work the plantation of his wards, & so administer it without being authorized so to do by family meeting. R. C. C., art. 396, does not forbid it, and I am of opinion that such can be done, the tutor being responsible for the administration, as he is responsible for his general administration of his ward's property.

This right to administer would not authorize the contract of a debt for the minor, or the spending of more than his income, or the purchase of a slave for the minor.

Did the tutor administer properly the two wards' plantation Buck Hall, during slavery? There is not sufficient evidence to say that he did not.

Did he account properly for this administration and his general

849 administration in his first account, filed the 19th day of July, A. D. 1864? As to the account of the community it may be taken as correct, and makes the first money charged against the tutor of $1,378.96, which is to bear interest from 1st day of January, A. D. 1860. The account with the minors individually, charges commissions on $67,783.24, when by the credit side of the account there appears no net proceeds whatever, and I cannot find any data for the charge. This is therefore disallowed. The ⅓ interest in Barnett plantation, cash from R. Y. Graves, sale of G. E. Gilmer's corn, & sales of slaves, stallion, and amount received of Miss M. G. Gilmer on credit side of account, are all capital of the minors; but I am satisfied it was all collected in Confederate money, and therefore shall allow it offsetted by expenses of tutorship. The cotton proceeds of 1859 should be stricken from the credits. This part of the account thus corrected leaves a further balance of $1,836.78 due by the tutor to the minors. I am not satisfied that a further sum of seven & a half cents per pound on the 412 bales of cotton sold to Dr. Ball per this account was received by the tutor after the war, and this must be taken into the account with the second account. The original price was

850 $14,560.21 for the whole, and at seven & a half cents per pound it would make the bales average 471 pounds each in weight. The crop of 1861 could not have well been sold before the spring of 1862, & then there was good reason why it should not be removed. As this must be accounted for in the second account, and as the tutor went beyond the income of the minors without good reasons therefor, there must be no charge for or against either tutor or minors on the second part of first account.

I come now to the second account with both minors, which the tutor divided into two parts. The first part accounts for the cotton raised on the Buck Hall place in 1862, 1863, & 1864, & part of 1861. This is stated to be 216 bales. The inventory taken in succ'n of J. B. G. Vance, July 8th, 1864, says there were then supposed to be 300 bales in the seed. Then, has he accounted for all this cotton? I cannot think that he has. He files this his second account Oct. 25th, 1867, when this cotton was doutbless sold in 1865 & 1866, and his memory may have been at fault. Whose cotton was that he sold from the Buck Hall place in winter of 1865 & 1866, at thirty-one cents per pound in gold, 100 bales? How comes it that in 1866 he has seventy-five thousand dollars in cash on hand? He must be charged with 84 bales of cotton additional,
851 at one hundred and twenty-five dollars per bale. He must also be further charged with 412 bales, sold Dr. Wm. Ball, & money collected after the war, viz, $14,560.91. Vouchers 7 & 8 were paid in Confederate money, as shown from date of the receipts. He acknowledges plenty of such money still on hand, & must not have credit for these vouchers against good money. These amount to $439.50. The 1st and second vouchers—1st balance due tutor from last account, and 2d amount due tutor for one-half of certain personal property sold minors—must be disallowed, because there was no balance legally from last account, & because the sale to the minors was illegal. His charges against the minors is thus reduced to $3,601.19. The sales of the 216 bales of cotton he ac-

acknowledges amount to	$23,768 85
To this add for 84 bales, @ $125 per bale, the sum of	$10,500 00
And add further for the 412 bales sold Wm. Ball	$14,560 71
Makes	$48,829 56
Deduct his credits	3,601 19
Leaves income net	45,228 37
Deduct commissions	4,522 83
Balance due minors	$40,705 54

In the second account of second account, headed Estate of J. E. Gilmer, I have been unable to find the vouchers. The first item of $9,547.03
852 was paid out of the 77 bales of cotton belonging to the succession of G. E. Gilmer, ⅓ only being for these minors, & possibly the others were also. The amount being homologated, the charge, $10,955.42, must be taken as prima facie correct. The cotton accounted for may be the whole that came into the hands of the tutor; but some 90 bales are accounted for in a very vague way, as disposed of by J. W.

Vance, ex'r, & pressed by the Confederate Government. But the evidence is hardly sufficient to bind the tutor for them. Then his balance against himself of 2,849.21 must be taken as correct. The charge against himself of one-half the note given by S. W. Vance to P. R. Gilmer is also correct, for three thousand & eighty-six dollars ($3,086). There were further collections from succession of P. R. Gilmer, in Alabama, which might properly be chargeable to the tutor on this account; but as some are charged against him in future accounts, it will show this administration more clearly than to take them into the account. The tutorship is now brought up to the death of James B. Vance, in June, 1864, & I proceed to make the distribution of his estate among his heirs. He left as heirs his father, his sister, S. E. Vance, of the whole blood, a sister of the half blood, and a brother conceived of half blood. S. E. Vance
853 therefore succeeded to the one-half of three-fourths (¾), plus the one-third of one-half of three-fourths of his succession, which is just one-half of his succession. She then is entitled to exactly three-fourths of the balance due by her father in the tutorship of the two minors.

Item from 1st account	1,378 96
5% interest from Jan. 1st, '60, to Jan. 1, '67	472 63
1st item, 2d account	40,705 54
2d " " "	2,849 21
S. W. Vance's note to P. R. Gilmer	3,086 00
	$48,502 34
¾ (three-fourths) to S. E. Vance	$36,376 76

To draw interest from 1st January, 1867. As to interest to be charged, I think the time fixed, from 1st January, 1867, accords very nearly with the evidence, which is vague on that point.

I come now to the consideration of the first account with the single minor, S. E. Vance, filed April 20th, 1868. This includes the three years 1865, 1866, 1867. Knowing and having proven to me the condition of the country in those years, & considering the overflow in 1866 & high water of 1867, I cannot say that the administration of the Buck Hall plantation was not as it should have been; but, as before remarked, this administration is at the risk of the tutor, & it cannot take more than
854 the income of the minor, nor any of her capital. Again, the administration of one plantation must not take the minor's income from others. In this account the tutor not only expends the whole income of Buck Hall, but he charges as expended the whole capital of the minor he acknowledges having received, and also "four hundred dollars," the rent of the Plaindealing plantation. This is certainly bad administration of the tutorship. His charges against the minors are $45,810.44, and the gross income from Buck Hall only $23,963.91. After taking all the capital, he makes the minor owe him $7,311.44. He can have no balance against the minor, & must lose all he paid over the income of the plantation. He must further be chargeable with the additional capital he acknowledges having received, to wit: Amount note P. R. Gilmer, due in Alabama, $2,314.50; rent of Plaindealing in 1867, 400.00. I cannot find in the accounts where the tutor has charged the collection of the S.

L. Carraway note in Alabama, which was $360.00, nor sale of Montgomery & West Point R. R'd stock, which was $875, nor the note on Thomas Williams, $1,911.50, and on this first account those charges should
855 be made against him. Deduct from the $875 probable atty's commissions for sale, $87.50.

The minor being entitled to $\frac{3}{4}$ of these, the tutor must be held chargeable with $2,294.25 on this. He has not accounted for Plaindealing in 1866, & should be charged $400 for that year. I therefore also charge him with $\frac{3}{4}$ item note of P. R. Gilmer & rents Plaindealing, making $2,335.88, making all charges against him on first (1st) account, $4,630.13, on which he must pay interest from 1st January, 1868.

I come now to the consideration of the second account with minor S. E. Vance. This shows a pretty good administration of Buck Hall plantation, but bad general administration of the tutorship. The account needs much correction.

The first charge of the $7,311.44, balance due tutor, brought forward, must be disallowed. Voucher 11, amount paid to Watts & Troy, $818.59, must be disallowed, as Watts & Troy retained that sum in their hands as fees, & sent balance of collections to tutor, with which balance only the tutor has been charged.

Voucher 40, neglected from last account, was chargeable there, & must be disallowed here. It is $200. These deducted, makes vouchers of tutor $5,451.87. I see no account of rent of Plaindealing for this year
856 (1868), & the tutor must be charged with $400 therefor. This added to $11,316.57 in account charged vs. tutor is $11,716.57; from which deduct expenses, $5,451.87, and $6,264.60 remains, which is charged against the tutor with interest from the 1st day of January, 1869, thereon.

I next examine the third annual account filed June 6th, 1870 (there being two accounts marked third annual), and being for the year 1869.

This is extremely defective, there being no statement of amount of cotton raised nor price of sale thereof, nor what was paid H. W. Ogden, nor what were his services; and old balances, alleged due, are brought forward. This account was never homologated. For this year (1869) I can only judge that the tutor should pay fair rents on the Buck Hall place, and receive credits for commissions, taxes, and probable expenses of the minor. This rent I fix at $4,200, which is near what he returned to the United States as revenue for taxation. The tax bill is $535.79,

& net income, therefore		3,664 21
Rent of Plaindealing		200 00
		$3,864 21
Commissions, @ 10 %	386 42	
Minor's expense	300 00	
		686 42
		$3,177 79

With interest thereon from 1st day of January, 1870.

857 I next examine the 3d annual account filed August 17th, 1871, which is for the year 1870. This again is extremely defective, and

not to be relied on. Only one-half the cotton is accounted for, and no supplies are charged to the laborers. Therefore he must be charged with rents,

For Buck Hall		4,200 00
Plaindealing		200 00
		4,400 00
Deduct taxes		590 79
		3,809 21
Commissions	380 92	
Minor's expenses	300 00	
		680 92
Balance for minor		$3,128 29
With interest from 1st January, 1871.		
To this must be added ¾ interest in Montgomery Manufacturing Co., evidence ¾ interest in amount realized		615 35
From W. H. Williamson's note		1,496 25
Making total for minor in 1870		$5,239 89
With interest from January 1st, 1871.		

I now proceed to examine the 4th annual account, and find it also very unsatisfactory. This for the year 1871. The tutor's responsibility must be estimated by rents:

Buck Hall plantation for 1871, rent	$4,200 00
Plaindealing	200 00
	$4,400 00
Tax to deduct	665 95
	3,734 05
Comm'ns, 373.40; minor's expenses, $300	673 40
858 Balance for minor	$3,060 65
To this add rents from Alabama	$1,258 66
Amount due minor in 1871	$4,319 31
With interest from 1st January, 1872.	

The 5th annual account, being for the year 1872, again shows bad administration of Buck Hall. It makes no revenue. The tutor must be accountable for rents.

Buck Hall rents	$4,200 00
Plain dealing	200 00
	$4,400 00
Deduct tax	688 70
	$3,711 30

Commissions	371 11	
Minor's expense	500 00	
		871 11
		$2,840 19
Rent from Ala., less commissions		105 96
		$2,946 15

With interest from January 1st, 1873.

The 6th annual account again shows bad administration, both of Buck Hall and the tutorship generally. The tutor's responsibility for 1873 must be estimated by rents.

Buck Hall rents		4,200 00
Plaindealing		196 30
		4,396 30
Deduct tax		718 24
		$3,678 06
Commissions	367 80	
Minor's expenses	500 00	
		867 80
Amount due minor, 1873		2,810 26

With interest from 1st January, 1874.

859 The seventh annual account (1874) again shows bad administration, and rent must be charged to the tutor.

Buck Hall rent		4,000 00
Plaindealing		226 00
Rents from Alabama		55 78
		$4,471 78
Deduct tax		277 83
		$4,193 95
Commissions	419 39	
Minor's expenses	500 00	
		919 39
Amount due minor, 1874		3,174 56

With interest from January 1st, 1875.

The eighth and final account was filed by the executrix. It includes an account made up, as alleged, by the tutor, and, as alleged, for the year 1876; but it seems from vouchers to be for the years 1875 & 1876. In it a return is made of 147 bales cotton, crop of 1875, and at the end 52 bales are also mentioned, which may be means for the year 1876.

Deducting the amount against the minor that the tutor brings forward, & a clear profit is reported for the minor on Buck Hall of 4,693.28 for the two years 1875 & 1876. The cotton for 1876, if any reported, is

much too little, and I cannot resist the conclusion that the crop of 1875 has not all been accounted for. That was an extra large crop on Red River, and on a plantation of six hundred acres in cultivation 400 bales
860 ought to have been raised that year. The bill at the store of Vance & Zeigler shows that much was advanced to the laborers, and no showing is made of what they paid back. Then I am forced to judge of these years, 1875 & 1876, by the rents.

Buck Hall rent, 1875		4,200 00
Plaindealing		200 00
Alabama land		100 00
		4,500 00
Taxes deducted		371 15
		4,228 85
Commissions	422 88	
Minor's expenses	750 00	
		1,172 88
Amount due minor, 1875		3,055 97
With interest from 1st January, 1876.		
Buck Hall rent, 1876		4,200 00
Plaindealing		200 00
Alabama land		100 00
		4,500 00
Commissions (as no tax was paid)	450 00	
Minor's expense	750 00	
		1,200 00
Amount due minor, 1876		3,300 00
With interest from 1st January, 1877.		

The errors the tutor seems to have fallen into are many, and I here point them out:

He charges commissions on gross sales of cotton, & not simply on the net income, after paying plantation expenses, tax, &c. He lives
861 upon his minor's land, and never allows her any rents as due by him. He expends all the money, capital of the minor, in cultivating a plantation for his own use. He trades, as tutor, with himself, individually, and has large charges in these trades against his ward.

He persists in cultivating Buck Hall at a loss to his ward when he could, after the war, have every year leased it out and made an income for his ward.

He did not invest the capital in money he acknowledges having received of his minors, nor pay interest on it. As to the document marked "The will of Mary B. Vance," introduced in evidence, I think it can have no effect in this case, because,

1st. Nothing is claimed by any party in his pleadings to be derived from it.

2d. The evidence here made is not sufficient to probate it as a will, and it has never been probated.

3d. There was a child born to Mary B. Vance after the date of the document, which nullified it as a will.

As to the levee across Williams Bayou & its value, I am of opinion that had it cost S. W. Vance or his minor daughter anything he would have charged in some account for it. It is mentioned nowhere in
862 the pleadings, and can have no effect on the judgment. As to the personal property coming into possession of the tutor for his ward, it has not been satisfactorily accounted for. The mules first received must have all died, and as 15 or 20 mules were turned over by the tutor to S. E. Vance after her marriage, with other personal property, I take that as a full settlement for personalty received.

For the amount of the judgment that is given herein for S. E. Vance against the succession of her natural tutor, ought she to have a mortgage recognized on the lands in said succession? The decision of this point in this case may be un'ecessary. The proper time and place for its decision would more properly be in the succession of S. W. Vance, when the statement of debts is being passed upon. The decision here could not bind the creditors of the succession except as to the intervenors. But as the intervenors are, next to S. E. Vance, the principal creditors, the decision here might materially shorten the settlement of the tutorship of S. E. Vance.

There has been no record of the tacit mortgage, as required by the constitution of 1868, and the law passed under it. Were the State authority supreme in the government there could hardly be a question but
863 that the mortgage privilege is lost. But as the Constitution of the United States forbids a State to impair the obligations of contracts, if this constitutional provision of the State & the law under it does impair that obligation the tacit mortgage of S. E. Vance still holds.

It would seem that the principle of law that "against one unable to act prescription does not run" might be applied in this case, for the minor was unable to act for herself. The tutor, under tutor, her near relations, and the clerk of the court all neglected to act for her in causing a registry, and for want of the registry an acquired right of hers is said to be taken away from her. Was her mortgage a part of the contract of her tutor? The Supreme Court, in Sabatier vs. Their Creditors, 6 N. S., 585, have decided that it was, & that it could not be destroyed by subsequent legislation. All the security that the minor had has been taken away by the constitution of 1868 & the law enacted under it, as far as they can have effect. They do impair the obligation of the natural tutor to his ward, which is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States, and, therefore, they do not effect the minor's tacit mortgage, but that mortgage
864 still exists upon all the lands owned by S. W. Vance after the death of Mary B. Vance, on the 15th of October, A. D. 1859.

Wherefore, by reason aforewritten, and by further reason of the law and the evidence being in favor of the opponents, Sallie E. Vance and her husband, S. J. Zeigler, and against the succession of S. W. Vance and the intervenors, G. W. Sentell & Co., it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the opposition be sustained, & that homologation of the account of the tutorship of Sallie E. Vance, filed by the executrix of S. W. Vance, deceased, be refused. It is further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Sallie E. Vance, wife of S. J. Zeigler, have and recover of the succession of S. W. Vance, in full settlement of the tutorship of said S. E. Vance, the sum of thirty-six thousand three hundred & seventy-six & $\frac{76}{100}$ dollars,

with 5 per cent. interest per annum thereon from the 1st day of January, A. D., 1867, to be compounded annually, and the further sum of four thousand six hundred & thirty & $\frac{13}{100}$, with five per cent. per annum interest thereon from the first day of January, A. D. 1868, and the further sum of six thousand two hundred & sixty-four & $\frac{64}{100}$ dollars, with legal interest thereon from the first day of January, A. D. 1869; and the
865 further sum of three thousand one hundred and seventy-seven & $\frac{79}{100}$ dollars, with legal interest thereon from the first day of January, A. D. 1870; and the further sum of five thousand two hundred & thirty-nine & $\frac{89}{100}$ dollars ($5,239.89), with legal interest thereon from January 1st, A. D. 1871; and the further sum of four thousand three hundred & nineteen $\frac{31}{100}$, with legal interest thereon from the first day of January, 1872; and the further sum of two thousand nine hundred & forty-six & $\frac{15}{100}$ dollars, with legal interest thereon from January first, A. D. 1873; and the further sum of two thousand eight hundred and ten & $\frac{26}{100}$ dollars, with legal interest thereon from the first day of January, A. D. 1874; and the further sum of three thousand one hundred and seventy-four & $\frac{56}{100}$ dollars, with legal interest thereon from the first day of January, A. D. 1875; and the further sum of three thousand & fifty-five & $\frac{97}{100}$ dollars, with legal interest thereon from the first day of January, A. D. 1876; and the further sum of three thousand three hundred dollars, with legal interest thereon from the 1st day of January, A. D. 1877.

It is further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the mortgage
866 privilege of opponent, Sallie E. Vance, for said sums and interest be recognized on all the lands owned by Samuel W. Vance, deceased, on and after the 15th day of October, A. D. 1859.

It is further decreed that the costs of filing the final account & the opposition be paid by the succession of S. W. Vance, & the costs of the intervenors be paid by the intervenors.

Thus done, read, and signed in open court on this the 12th day of November, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed Novem. 12th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k Bossier Parish, La.

Extract from minutes Nov. 13th, 1878.

Parish court, Bossier Parish, La.

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Nov. 13th, 1878.

Motion for new trial filed by executrix of S. W. Vance. New trial refused.

Motion for appeals by executrix of S. W. Vance. Appeals granted, both devolutive & suspensive, returnable to the supreme court of Louisiana, to be held at Munroe, on the 3d Monday in July, A. D. 1879, & according to law.

867 Bond for devolutive appeal fixed at seven hundred dollars, & for suspensive appeal according to law.

Opponent's counsel, in open court, takes cognizance of the appeal.

Motion for new trial by executrix.

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Opposition to account filed by executrix.

Now comes S. E. Vance, ex't'x, &c., & moves the court for a new trial in this case, because the judgment rendered therein is contrary to the law and the evidence.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER, *Att'y.*

Filed Nov. 13, '78. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k.

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vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXE'T'X, G. W. SENTELL & CO., int'rs. } No. 15. Probate docket.

Opposition to account filed by executrix.

Now comes S. E. Vance, exe'tr'x of last will & testament of S. W. Vance' deceased, and moves the court for an appeal, both devolutive & suspensive, from the judgment in said cause rendered, returnable to the
868 next term of the supreme court of Louisiana, to be held at Munroe, La., on the 3d Monday of July, 1879, according to law, and that amount of bonds for appeal, devolutive & suspensive, be fixed by this court.

(Sign'd) J. A. SNIDER, *Att'y for Ex.*

Filed Nov. 13th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Extract from minutes Nov. 15th, 1878.

Parish court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'TR'X, G. W. SENTELL & CO., int'rs. } No. 15. Probate docket.

Nov. 15th, 1878. Motion for appeals, both devolutive & suspensive, filed by intervenors G. W. Sentell & Co. Appeal granted, returnable to the supreme court of the State, at Munroe, on third Monday in July, 1879,

and according to law. Bond for devolutive appeal fixed at seven hundred dollars, and for suspensive according to law.

Motion for appeals.

Bossier Parish court, Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'TR'X, G. W. SENTELL & CO., int'rs.
No. 15. Probate docket.

Now come, by counsel, the intervenors, and move and pray the court to grant them appeals, both devolutive and suspensive, from the judg-
869 ment rendered against them in this case at the present term, returnable to the next term of the supreme court of the State of Louisiana, to begin & holden at Munroe, La., on the 3d Monday in July, A. D. 1879, pray that amount of bond be fixed, for general relief, &c.

(Signed) J. D. WATKINS,
Att'y for Intervenors.

Filed Nov. 15th, 1878. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k.

Extract from minutes Nov. 15th, 1878.

Court then adjourned sine die. Thus done, read, & signed in open court on this Novem. 15th, A. D. 1878.

(Signed) B. F. FOOT,
Bossier Parish Judge.

Appeal bond of intervenors.

Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

S. W. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'TR'X, G. W. SENTELL & CO., int'rs.
No. 15. Probate docket.

Be it known, we, G. W. Sentell Co., as principals, and Richard W. Turner, of Bossier Parish, as security, in solido, acknowledge to owe & to be indebted to J. B. Walthall, acting as clerk of said court, and to whom-
870 soever may be clerk of said court, or act as such, for the use of all who may be interested, in the sum of seven hundred dollars, for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs and legal representatives, firmly and in solido. Bellevue, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, the 6th March, 1879.

Now, this devolutive appeal bond shall be void if G. W. Sentell & Co. shall effectually prosecute their appeal taken from the final judgment in said case, and signed at the November term, 1878, of said court, and pursuant to order of appeal granted to them on the 15th November, 1878, and made returnable to the supreme court at Munroe, La., on 3d Monday of July, A. D. 1879, and according to law, to such place and time as the laws of Louisiana may require, or shall pay all costs of suit and of appeal for which they may be accountable or liable, then this devolutive appeal

bond shall be void; else to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

(Signed) G. W. SENTELL Co.,
By J. D. WATKINS, *Att'y.*

(Signed) RICHARD W. TURNER.

Filed March 7th, 1879. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Petition for appeal by Levy & Bodenheimer.

To the hon. the judge of the parish court for the parish of Bossier,
871 State of Louisiana:

The petition of Simon Levy & of Lazarus Bodenheimer, residents of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and as partners doing a mercantile business in said parish under the firm name of Levy & Bodenheimer, respectfully represents to your honor that the succession of S. W. Vance, opened in your parish of Bossier, and administered by Mrs. S. E. Vance, executrix of the last will and testament of said S. W. Vance, deceased, is indebted to your petitioners in the full sum of nine hundred & nineteen & $\frac{94}{100}$ dollars, besides interest, for goods, wares, merchandise, supplies furnished and worth said sum, as fully appears from the annexed accounts and bills of particulars and acknowledgments, acceptances, duly given and signed by said executrix, which are all made a part of this petition for certainty.

Petitioners further represent that in the case on the docket & record in your court, No. 15, and entitled S. E. Vance & husband vs. S. E. Vance, executrix, your court has rendered a judgment, definitive, in favor of said S. E. Vance and husband and against said succession of S. W. Vance, deceased, and against G. W. Sentell, a creditor of said succession, which said judgment is erroneous & contrary to law and evidence and in dam-
872 age & injury to your petitioners as creditors of said succession.

Petitioners further represent that up to the present time the said S. E. Vance, ex'tr'x, and as administratrix of said succession, has taken no appeal from said judgment against said succession, and petitioners are informed that she will not prosecute an appeal therefrom. Wherefore, showing an interest in said judgment and the right to be represented, petitioners pray for an order of appeal to the supreme court of the State of Louisiana, next to be holden at Munroe, Louisiana, on the first Monday in July next, or according to the time and place fixed by law, and that said S. E. Vance & husband, S. J. Zeigler, S. E. Vance, executrix and administratrix of the succession of S. W. Vance, deceased, and G. W. Sentell party aforesaid, be cited and have service hereof, and that the amount be fixed for the necessary appeal bond and for all necessary orders and for general relief, &c.

(Signed) LOONEY & ELSTNER,
Att'ys for Petitioners.

Service of the foregoing petition is accepted, and citation and notice of appeal is waived and acknowledged this 12th day of March, A. D. 1879.

(Sig'd) T. T. & A. D. LAND,
Att'ys for S. E. Vance & Husb.

" J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for Succ'n S. W. Vance.

" J. D. WATKINS,
Att'y for G. W. Sentell Co. Int'rs.

873 STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Upon considering the foregoing petition, and papers annexed thereto, it is hereby ordered that a devolutive appeal be granted as prayed for, and the said appeal is made returnable to the supreme court of the State of Louisiana next to be holden at Munroe, Louisiana, and at the place and time as fixed by law, and that petitioners give bond in the sum of seven hundred dollars, with security as the law requires & directs.

Given in chambers at Bellevue, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, on this the 17th day of February, 1879.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Parish Judge.

Accounts annexed.

SHREVEPORT, LA.

S. W. Vance, Shady Grove place, bought of Levy & Bodenheimer:

1876.				
June 10.	51 lbs. tobacco, @ 80c	40 80		
"	2 bbls. meal, 4.00	8 00		
				48 80
" 27.	60 lbs. lard, 20, 12.00; 1 keg syrup, 9.00	21 00		
" "	2 bbls. meal, 4, $8.00; 50 lbs. coffee, 28, 14.00	22 00		
" "	55 lbs. sugar, 13, 1.75; key & lock, 6*s*	7 90		
" "	20 lbs. crackers, box, 4*s*., 12½	4 12		
				55 02
July 15.	2 bbls. meal, @ 4.50, 9.00; 1 bbl. flour, 10.00			19 00
Aug. 5.	304 lbs. bacon, 18c., 54.72; 2 bbls. meal, 4.50, 9.00	63 72		
"	60 lbs. sugar, @ 14c.; 1 keg, 4*s*	8 90		
"	1 *d*ox axle grease	2 75		
				75 37
	" 16. 1 bbl. flour, 10.00; 1 bbl. meal, 4.50			14 50
874	Aug. 29. 63 lbs. lard, 20c., 12.60; 1 bbl. flour, 10.00			22 60
	Sept. 2. 1 broom			50
Oct. 10.	210 lbs. bacon, 14c			29 40
" 21.	1 doz. brooms, 6.00; 1 sack salt, 2.00			8 00
" 30.	65 lbs. lard, 17c., 11.05; 10 lbs. dried apples, 15, 1.50			12 55
Nov. 28.	1 bbl. flour, 10.00; 60 lbs. lard, 16, 9.60			19 60
"	58 lbs. sugar, @ 14c., and keg, 4*s*			8 62
				313 96
June 30.	To interest to date, 6 m., 8 %			12 55
				$326 51

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Caddo:

Personally appeared before me S. Levy, jr., of the firm of Levy & Bodenheimer, of Shreveport, La., who, being duly sworn, says that the within amount of merchandise furnished by said Levy & Bodenheimer to S. W.

Vance, deceased, for the Shady Grove plantation is just, correct, and unpaid; that the goods were furnished as shown by the within bill, that the prices are reasonable and customary, and that the amount now due and unpaid is three hundred & twenty-six & $\frac{51}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed) S. LEVY, JR.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of June, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) LUCIEN E. DODEY,
Justice of the Peace, 4th Ward, Caddo P'h, La.

SHREVEPORT, LA., *June 30th*, 1877.

S. W. Vance, Buck Hall plantation, bought of Levy & Bodenheimer, wholesale & retail grocers, No. 4 on Levee:

1875	1876.			
	May 1.	1 bbl. flour, 9.50; 120 lbs. lard, 17c., 20.40...		29 90
June	26.	2 galls. whiskey, @ 5.00; dem'j'n, 1.50.....		11 50
July	3.	101 lbs. bacon, 18c.....		18 18
"	12.	114 lbs. sugar, h'f bbl., 6*s*., 14c.....	16 71	
"	"	5 galls. vinegar, 8*s*	5 00	
				21 71
"	25.	1 bbl. snow-white sugar, 265, 15	39 75	
"	"	1 " meal, 4.50; ½ doz. chowchow, 7.50.....	12 00	
				51 75
Aug.	5.	20 lbs. sugar, 16, 3.20; 1 s'ck salt, 2.00; rope, 50.	5 70	
"	"	1 bbl. flour, 10.00; 1 do. corn meal, 4.50.....	14 50	
				20 20
"	"	1 " " 10.00; 1 " meal	14 50	
"	"	Bacon, sides & shoulders.....	10 00	
				24 50
"	9.	57 lbs. bacon, 18		10 26
"	26.	To order Stephen Love.....		8 77
Sept.	2.	60 lbs. tobacco, 80, 48.00; 1 plow line, 30		48 30
"	16.	1 sack salt.....		2 00
"	22.	120 lbs. lard, 16c.....	19 20	
"	"	1 bbl. flour, 10.00; doz. sardines, 3.00; salmon, 1.00	14 00	
				33 20
Oct.	10.	210 lbs. bacon, 14.....		29 40
"	14.	2 doz. sardines, 6.00; 2 doz. salmon, 8.00.....	14 00	
"	"	½ " preserves, 6.00; 2 " jelly, 4.00	10 00	
				24 00
Nov.	8.	137 lbs. coffee, 2*s*., 34.25; 113 lbs. rice, 10c., 11.30	45 55	
"	"	130 lbs. lard, 17, 22.10; 330 lbs. shoulders, 10, 33.00	55 10	
"	"	36 lbs. cheese, 18, 6.48; 45 lbs. starch, 9, 4.05.	10 53	
"	"	1 kit mack'l, 2.25; 2 bags table salt, 40.....	2 65	
"	"	1 ax handle, 1.25; blue pail, 2*s*.; keg for rice...	2 50	
				116 33
" 11 & 18.		1 sack salt, 1.50; bbl. flour, 11; coffee pot, 6*s*.	13 25	
"	"	4 bots. W'r sauce, 2.00; 4 bots. *k*atsup.....	2 00	
				17 25

Dec. 2.	Paid bill for butter		6 95
" 27.	1 s'ck salt, 1.50; 37 lbs. candles, 9c.; & box, 4s		5 33
1877.			
Feb. 12.	Paid you cash 5.00; plow line, 30c		5 30
			484 83
Aug. 9.	1 bbl. flour returned		10 00
	Balance to debit		474 83
June 30.	To interest from Jan. 1st to date, 6 mos., 8%		18 99
			493 82

876 STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Caddo:

Personally appeared before me S. Levy, jr., of the firm of Levy & Bodenheimer, of Shreveport, La., who, being duly sworn, says that the within itemized bill of goods bought by S. W. Vance, deceased, for the Buck Hall plantation, in Bossier Parish, is true, just, and correct; that said goods and merchandize were furnished by Levy & Bodenheimer to the said Vance for said plantation, and that the prices charged are customary & reasonable, and that the amount due for said goods furnished to said plantations is four hundred and ninety-three & $\frac{82}{100}$ dollars ($493.82), which has not been paid.

(Signed) S. LEVY, JR.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of June, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) LUCIEN E. DODEY,
Justice of the Peace, 4th Ward, Caddo Parish.

SHREVEPORT, LA., *June 30th*, 1877.

S. W. Vance, Coushatta, bought of Levy & Bodenheimer:

1876.				
July 25.	521 lbs. bacon, 18		93 78	
	1 bbl. meal		4 50	
				98 28
Sept. 22.	225 lbs. bacon, 13½			30 37
Nov. 18.	1 bbl. lime			2 50
				131 15
June 30.	To int. on above from Jan. 1 to date			5 24
				$136 39

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Caddo:

877 Personally appeared before me S. Levy, jr., of the firm of Levy & Bodenheimer, doing business in the city of Shreveport, who, being duly sworn, says that the above account against S. W. Vance, late of Bossier Parish, is just and correct, and that the goods & merchandize therein were purchased & furnished for the Coushatta plantation, and

that the amount now due Levy & Bodenheimer for said supplies furnished said S. W. Vance, dece'd, for said plantation is one hundred and thirty-six dollars and thirty-nine cents (136.39), which remains unpaid.

(Sign'd) S. LEVY, JR.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 30th day of June, A. D. 1877.

(Signed) LUCIEN E. DODEY,
Justice of the Peace 4th Ward, Caddo Parish.

The above & annexed acconnts in favor of Levy & Bodenheimer, to wit: Acc't for Shady Grove plantation, due 1st January, 1877, for three hundred and thirteen & $\frac{96}{100}$ dollars (313.96); % for Buck Hall plantation, due 1st Jan., 1877, for four hundred and seventy-four $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars ($474.83); % for Coushatta plantation, due January 1st, 1877, for one hundred and thirty-one & $\frac{15}{100}$ dollars (131.15); total, nine hundred & nineteen & $\frac{94}{100}$ dollars ($919.94), is acknowledged as a just debt against the succes-
878 sion of S. W. Vance, deceased, to be paid in due course of administration, this August 31st, 1877.

(Signed) S. E. VANCE, *Executrix.*

Petition, &c., filed M'ch 17th, 1879. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

Petition and order for appeal for Hamilton & Co.

To the hon. the judge of the parish court in and for Bossier Parish and State of Louisiana:

The petition of W. E. Hamilton & Co. & W. B. Hamilton, residents of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and as parties doing a mercantile business in said parish under the name of Hamilton & Co., respectfully represents that the succession of S. W. Vance, opened in your parish of Bossier, and now being administered by Mrs. S. E. Vance, executrix of the last will & testament of said S. W. Vance, d'c'd, is indebted to petitioners in the full sum of nine hundred and eighty & $\frac{57}{100}$ dollars, besides interest, as fully appears by the annexed account and acceptance thereof, which is made a part of this petition for certainty. Petitioners further represent that in your court, and on the docket and record thereof, numbered and entitled S. E. Vance & husband versus S. E. Vance, executrix, a definitive judgment has been rendered in favor of said S. E. Vance & husband and against the
879 succession of S. W. Vance, dec'd, which judgment is erroneous, contrary to law and evidence, and in injury & damage to the rights & interest of your petitioners as creditors of said succession. Further, petitioners represent that up to the present time said S. E. Vance, executrix, and representing said succession, has taken no appeal, and petitioners are informed that she will take no appeal, from said judgment. Wherefore petitioners, aver'ing and showing their interest in said judgment, pray for an order of appeal from said judgment to the supreme court of Louisiana, to be holden at Munroe, La., at the time fixed by law; and that said S. E. Vance & husband & Sarah E. Vance, executrix, & Geo. W. Sentell, a party to said suit, be cited to answer hereto and have service hereof, and that the

amount be fixed for a bond for a devolutive appeal aforesaid, and for all necessary orders and for general relief.

(Signed) LOONEY & ELLSTNER,
Att'ys for Pet'r.

We hereby waive citation, accept service of the foregoing petition, and take cognizance of the order of appeal, as prayed for M'ch 12th, 1879.

(Signed) T. T. & A. D. LAND,
Att'ys for S. E. Vance & Husband.

M'ch 17th, 1879.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for Succ'n S. W. Vance.

(Signed) G. W. SENTELL & CO.,
Intervenors,
By J. D. WATKINS, *Att'y.*

880 STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Upon considering the foregoing petition and annexed account, affidavit, and acceptance, it is hereby ordered that the appeal be granted, as prayed for, to the supreme court of Louisiana, to be holden at Munroe, La., according to law, upon petitioners giving bond in the sum of seven hundred dollars, as the law directs. Given in my office on this 17th day of February, 1879.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Parish Judge.

Account annexed to petition.

Dr. S. W. Vance to Hamilton Co., Dr.

1877.		
Ap'r 17. To balance this date p'r a/c	636	32
June 18. " cash express on package	3	50
1878.		
Jan. 29. " S. W. Vance note, M'ch 20, '77, to T. Silberstein for 2 mules, pay'ble De., '77	250	00
Interest to date	17	50
Due July 9th, 1878	$980	57

SHREVEPORT, LA, *July 8th*, 1878.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Ph. of Caddo:

Personally appeared before me, Lewis E. Carter, justice of the peace for the 4th ward, Caddo Parish, La., W. B. Hamilton, one of the firm of Hamilton & Co., who deposes and says, upon his oath, that the above account is correct, true, & unpaid; that there are no credits or assets against said account nine hundred & eighty $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed) W. B. HAMILTON.

881 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of December, 1878.

(Sig'd) LEWIS E. CARTER,
Justice of the Peace, 4th Ward, Caddo P'h, La.

(End'd:) Filed M'ch 17, '79. (Sig'd) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k.

Petition and order for appeal by L. B. McCutcheon & Co.

To the hon. the judge of the parish court of Bossier Parish, & State of Louisiana:

The petition of L. B. McCutcheon, a resident of Caddo Parish, La., and doing business in said parish as a merchant, under the name of L. B. McCutcheon & Co., would respectfully represent that a certain judgment has been rendered in your court, in the matter of the succ'n of S. W. Vance, dec'd, and in the case numbered and entitled S. E. Vance et al. vs. S. E. Vance, exe't'x, et als.; said judgment has been rendered in favor of the plaintiff in said suit, and the defendant S. E. Vance, ex'tr'x, has failed to prosecute and appeal in said cause. Petitioner shows that he is a creditor of the succession of S. W. Vance, represented by said defendant S. E. Vance, exe'ut'x, and that said judgment is contrary to law and evidence, and that the failure of said executrix to prosecute an appeal would leave your petitioner, unrepresented, and work an irreparable injury to petitioner. Petition shows that the said succession is justly and legally indebted to him in the sum of one thousand four hundred & ninety-

882 two & $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars, due May 24th, '77, and duly accepted by executrix as a debt against said succession. Wherefore petitioner prays that he have an order for an appeal to the supreme court, next to be holden at Munroe, La., on the third Monday of July next, or to such time and place as the law directs, and that the bond for appeal be fixed and for all necessary orders, and for general relief.

(Signed) LOONEY & ELSTNER,
Att'y for Petitioner.

We hereby accept service of the foregoing petition for an appeal, and waive citation of appeal this 31st day of May, 1879.

(Signed) T. T. & A. D. LAND,
Att'y for S. E. Vance et al.

" J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for Succ'n, S. W. Vance.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Upon considering the foregoing petition it is hereby ordered that a devolutive appeal to the supreme court of La., be granted as prayed for, and made returnable at Munroe, Louisiana, on the third Monday of July next, (1879), or to such time and place as the law directs, upon the petitioner giving bond, with good security, in the sum of seven hundred dollars, conditioned according to law.

Given at Bellevue, said parish and State, this 3d day of June, 1879.

(Signed) THOS. N. BRADEN,
Bossier Parish Judge.

(Endorsed:) Filed June 3d, 1879. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k d. c.

883 *Appeal bond of Levy & Bodenheimer.*

In parish court of Bossier Parish, La.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'T'X.

Know all men by these present', that we, Levy & Bodenheimer, as principal, & Joannes Smith, as security, acknowledge to owe & be indebted to John B. Walthall, clerk of the district court and parish court of Bossier, and State of Louisiana, in the full sum of seven hundred dollars, for the payment whereof we hereby bind ourselves and legal representatives in solido by the present. Dated at the parish of Bossier on the 31st day of May, 1879. The conditions of the above obligations are such that, whereas the above bonded Levy & Bodenheimer have obtained, from the parish court of said parish, an appeal devolutive from a certain judgment rendered in the above-entitled cause in favor of the plaintiffs, made returnable to the supreme court of Louisiana at the time & place fixed by law: Now, if the above bounded Levy & Bodenheimer shall well & truly and faithfully pay all the sums awarded and adjudged against them by the supreme court of Louisiana in the matter of said appeal, then this obligation to be null & void; otherwise to remain in full force & virtue.

(Signed) LEVY & BODENHEIMER.
" JOANNES SMITH, *Security.*

Filed June 3d, '79. (Sig'd) Joannes Smith, d'y clerk.

884 *Appeal bond of Hamilton & Co.*

In parish court, Bossier Parish, La.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.,
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXE'T'X ET AL.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Hamilton & Co., as principal, and Joannes Smith, as security, acknowledge to owe & be indebted unto John B. Walthall, clerk of the district court & parish court in & for the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, for the payment whereof we hereby bind ourselves and legal representatives in the full sum of seven hundred dollars in solido. Dated at the parish of Bossier, this 31st day of May, 1879. The conditions of the above obligation are such that whereas the above-bounded Hamilton & Co. have obtained from the parish court of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, a devolutive appeal from a certain judgment in the above-entitled cause, rendered in favor of the plaintiffs, and made returnable to the supreme court at the time and place fixed by law. Now, if the above bounded Hamilton & Co. shall well & faithfully pay all such sums as may be awarded against them on judgment in the matter of sa'd appeal, then this obligation is to be null & void; otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

(Signed) HAMILTON & CO.
" JOANNES SMITH, *Sc'ty.*

(Endorsed:) Filed June 3d, 1879. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y c'k. d. c.

885 *Appeal bond of L. B. McCutcheon.*

In parish court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EX'TR'X, ET ALS.

Know all men by these presents that we, L. B. McCutcheon, as principal, & Joannes Smith, as security, acknowledge to owe and be indebted unto John B. Walthall, clerk of the district & parish court of the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, in the sum of seven hundred dollars, for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves & legal representatives in solido by these presents. Dated at Bossier Parish on this June 3d, 1879. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above-bounded L. B. McCutcheon has taken an appeal devolutive from a certain judgment rendered in said parish court in favor of plaintiffs in the above-entitled cause & made returnable to the supreme court of Louisiana at the time & place fixed by law: Now, if the said McCutcheon shall well and faithfully pay all sums awarded against said firm by the supreme court aforesaid in the matter of said appeal, then this obligation is null & void; otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

(Signed) S. B. McCUTCHEON CO.
" JOANNES SMITH, *S'c'ty.*

(Endorsed:) Filed June 3d, 1879. (Signed) Joannes Smith, d'y cl'k d. c.

886 STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Bossier:

Clerk's office, Bellevue, La.

I, Joannes Smith, dep'ty clerk of the 18th judicial district court of Louisiana, in and for the parish of Bossier, duly appointed, sworn, qualified, & acting as such, do hereby certify that the foregoing eight hundred & eighty-five pages do contain a full, fair, correct, and complete copy and transcript of all the proceedings had, documents filed, and evidence adduced on the trial of the cause entitled S. E. Vance et al. vs. S. E. Vance, executrix of last will & testament of S. W. Vance, dec'd, Geo. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors, No. 15, in Bossier Parish court, La., on the probate docket. I do further certify that said 885 pages contain a true and correct transcript of the petition and order for appeal & appeal bond filed in said case by Levy & Bodenheimer, of Shreveport, La.; of the petition, order for appeal, & appeal bond filed in said case by Hamilton & Co., of Shreveport, La., and of the petition, order for appeal, & appeal bond filed in said case by L. B. McCutcheon Co., Shreveport, La.

In testimony of all which I herewith sign my name officially and affix my seal of office, in the town of Bellevue, La., on this the 4th day of June, A. D. 1879.

[SEAL.] (S'g'd) JOANNES SMITH,
D'y Cl'k 18th Jud. Dist. Court of Louisiana,
in & for Bossier Parish, La.

887 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
State of Louisiana:

Supreme court of the State of Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX, G. W. SENTELL & Co., inter'nors. } No. 7678.

Supreme court of the State of Louisiana. Filed December 24th, 1879.
(Signed) FRANK WALL,
D'y Clerk.

Agreement to remove case for trial at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, *June 5th*, 1879.

In the case of S. E. Vance et al. vs. S. E. Vance, executrix, & Geo. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors, tried in parish court for Bossier Parish, La. Appeal ordered returnable to the supreme court at Munroe, La., on 3d Monday in July, 1879, and as now by law there is no supreme term at Munroe on 3d Monday in July, it is agreed that said case and transcript may be transferred to be tried and determined by the supreme court at New Orleans, on & after the 3d Monday in January, 1880, or to the supreme court of Louisiana at such time and place as may by law be fixed for the trial of appeal cases from the parish of Bossier.

(Signed) T. T. & A. D. LAND,
Att'ys for Plaintiffs.

888 (Signed) LOONEY & ELSTNER,
Att'ys for Hamilton & Co. Levy & Bodenheimer, & L. B. McCutcheon Co.

(Signed) J. D. WATKINS,
Att'y for Geo. W. Sentell & Co., inter'rs & Appellant'.

(Endorsed :) Filed June 9th, 1879. (Signed) Talbot Stillman, c'k s. c. (at Munroe).

Agreement.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX, GEO. W. SENTELL & Co., int'rs.

In consequence of charges made in return day of appeals from Bossier Parish, La. to the supreme court of the State by two acts of the legislature in 1879, it is agreed that the transcript of appeal filed at Munroe, La., with clerk of the supreme court, and the whole case may be transferred to the supreme court at New Orleans, to be then and there tried on or after the 3d Monday in January, 1880, the same as if said appeal had been granted returnable there. I concur in the written agreement filed by

the other parties in said case. Done & signed at Bellevue, parish of Bossier, La., Oct. 2d, 1879.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Att'y for succession of S. W. Vance, dec'd.

889 (Endorsed:) Filed January 19th, 1880. (Signed) Frank Wall, d'y clerk.

Answer.

In the supreme court of Louisiana, Jan., 1880, at New Orleans.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXEC'TR'X, G. W. SENTELL & CO., int'rs. } No. 7678.

Now comes the plaintiff & appellee, and for answer to the appeals taken in this case join in said appeals, and pray for the following amendments of the judgment of the lower court:

First. They pray for a judgment against the executrix of the succession of S. W. Vance for the rents of the Buck Hall plantation from the first day of January, 1860, until the first day of January, 1877, at the annual rent of $5,571.00, with interest thereon, according to law.

Second. They pray for a judgment against said succession for rents of the Plaindealing plantation from the 1st day of January, 1864, until the first day of January, 1877, at the annual rent of $2,700.00 *dollars*, with interest thereon, according to law.

Third. They pray for a judgment against said succession for the hire of slaves from the 1st day of Jannary, 1860, until the 1st day of January, 1865, at the annual hire of $4,825.00, with interest thereon, according to law.

890 Fourth. They pray for judgment against said succession for the value of all the personal property, notes & bonds, and other evidences of debt belonging to the plaintiff, and received by her tutor, S. W. Vance, amounting to the sum of $71,191.71, with interest according to law, less bad debts.

Fifth. They further pray for judgment against said succession for the moneys received by S. W. Vance, tutor of plaintiff, amounting to the sum of $18,719 29, with interest thereon, according to law, less commissions on net revenues, amounts paid for taxes, useful and necessary repairs, and maintenance of minor.

If the foregoing amendments to the judgment of the lower court should not be allowed, the appellee then pray that all errors and omissions in the judgment of the lower court be corrected, and that the judgment be amended in favor of the plaintiff, according to law, equity, and justice.

(Signed) T. T. & A. D. LAND,
Att'ys for Plaintiff & Appellee.

(Endorsed:) Filed Jan. 19th, 1880. (Signed) Frank Wall, d'y c'k sup. c.

Motion to fix.

In supreme court of Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs
S. E. VANCE, EXECUT'X, G. W. SENTELL & CO., int'rs. } No. 7678.

891 Now comes intervenors & move and pray the court to fix this case for trial on 27th January, 1880, & pray for general relief.
(Signed) J. D. WATKINS, *Att'y.*

Extract from the minutes.—Order to fix.

MONDAY, *January 19th*, 1880.

The court was duly opened pursuant to adjournment. Present, their honors, T. C. Manning, chief justice; Robert H. Marr, Alcibiade Deblanc, William B. Spencer, & Edward D. White, associate judges.

Supreme court of Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
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S. E. VANCE, EXEC'T'X, G. W. SENTELL CO., inter'rs. } No. 7678.

On motion of J. D. Watkin, esq'r, of counsel for intervenors,
It is ordered by the court that this cause be fixed for trial on the 27th day of January, 1880, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Motion for time.

Supreme court of the State of Louisiana, New Orleans, January term, A. D. 1880.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX, GEOR. W. SENTELL & CO., inter'rs. } No. 7678.

892 Now come T. T. & A. D. Land, att'ys for pl't'ffs, and move the court for an extension of time to make an oral argument in the above-entitled cause.
The motion is made on the grounds of the great importance of the legal principles, and of the large amount involved on this suit, and in the further grounds that the plaintiffs' attorneys have not and will not be able to see the briefs of appellants' counsel prior to the oral argument, the same having not been filed.
(Signed) T. T. & A. D. LAND, *Att'ys.*

(Endorsed:) Filed January 24, 1880. (Signed) T. McHymond, d'y clerk.

Order for extension of time.—Extract from minutes, January 24th, 1880.

The court was duly opened. Present, their honors, Thomas C. Manning, chief justice; Robert H. Marr, Alcibiade Deblanc, William B. Spencer, & Edward D. White, associate justices.

On motion of T. T. & A. D. Land, of counsels for plaintiffs & appellees,

It is ordered by the court that the time for oral argument in this case be extended.

893 *Cause submitted.—Extracts from minutes, January 27th, 1880.*

The court was duly opened; present, their honors Thomas C. Manning, chief justice, Robert H. Marr, Alcibiade Deblanc, William B. Spencer, & Edward D. White, associate justices.

Supreme court of Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXECUT'X, GEO. W. SENTELL & Co., int'rs. } No. 7678.

This case was called for trial, and having heard argument from Thomas T. Land, of counsel for plaintiffs and appellees, and from J. D. Watkins and R. J. Looney, of counsel for intervenors and appellants herein,

The court took said case under advisement, upon the briefs on file and to be filed by to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Opinion of the court.

Supreme court of the State of Louisiana.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXEC'T'X, G. W. SENTELL & Co., int'rs. } No. 7678.

SPENCER, J.

This is a suit for a settlement of a tutorship.

Mary E. Gilmer, wife of S. W. Vance, died Oct. 15, 1859,
894 leaving two children, viz, Jas. B. G. Vance, and pl't'ff Sarah E. Vance, issue of her marriage with S. W. Vance, who was duly qualified as their natural tutor. The deceased wife left a large separate estate, which was at her death inventoried at the sum of $106,776.07. It consisted of plantations, slaves, mules, farming utensils, &c. The community property between her and her husband was inventoried at $53,323.33, so that the estate of said minors amounted to $133,437.23. S. W. Vance remarried in 1860, and thereby ceased to be usufructuary of the community property. He died in 1877. These minors also inherited considerable property and money from their grandfather, P. R. Gilmer, in the year 1861. The property thus inherited from

P. R. Gilmer, besides a large number of slaves, consisted of about $30,000 in stocks, bonds, & notes, given by purchasers of the property of the estate.

They also inherited, about 1863, a considerable estate from their great uncle, Geo. E. Gilmer.

The father and tutor took possession of all these estates, and seems to have administered them at his pleasure, & without advice or authority of court, & in his own interest.

In 1864 James B. G. Vance died, being still in minority, leaving, as his heirs, his sister of the full blood (pl'ff herein), his father, S. W.
895 Vance, and *and* a brother and sister of the half blood. His estate, to the extent of one half, devolved therefore to the plaintiff. In 1865 the lands, slaves, & movables, owned in common by plaintiff & her deceased brother, were partitioned between her and the other heirs of her said brother (dec'd). In this partition, beside a large amount of personal property, she received two plantations, the Buck Hall and Plaindealing, with their slaves, &c.

Being still a minor, plaintiff's property continued in custody and control of her father up to her emancipation, in January, 1877.

It is shown that at the death of the plaintiff's mother there was on hand a large crop of cotton, which realized over $17,000, which sufficed to pay all community debts, leaving a balance of over $2,757.92. It is shown that the tutor received large sums of money & notes from the estates of P. R. Gilmer & G. E. Gilmer. In addition he received the entire fruits & revenues of the plantation & slaves of the minors from 1860 up to the liberation of the slaves, in 1865. It is shown that from the crops grown during the years of the war, S. W. Vance realized large sums of money, and had in gold & lawful currency at its close over $75,000 as the result of sale of said crops.

896 If we charge him for the rent & hire of this property from 1860 to 1866, the amount could not be fixed at less than six thousand dollars per annum. It is shown that after the war, say from 1865 to 1877, the Buck Hall plantation would have commanded a rental of from four to five thousand dollars per annum, and other lands of the minor a rental of six to eight hundred dollars per annum.

S. W. Vance, during his administration as tutor, rendered from time to time after the war what he called annual accounts. He rendered eight of them, resulting in a balance against the minor of some $5,000. In other words, he not only absorbed the entire annual revenues of the large estates of the minors, but all of the large sums of money & other assets which came to his hands during a period of about seventeen years, and claims a debt of about $5,000 in excess.

These estates were wholly free from debt when he took them. They were large & very productive, and immense sums were realized by him out of their productions. He received from other sources large amounts for account of his wards. These facts utterly discredit his accounts, except so far as they show charges against himself.

897 The judge a quo, after what seems a patient & careful examination, rendered a judgment for plaintiff for something over $75,000.

We think that the facts in this record bear him out fully in this conclusion. Whether we adopt one or the other of the methods suggested for the

calculation the result will be reached. As the tutor mingled the administration of the minor's estate with his own, and manifestly cultivated and used them in his own interest, so that no fair statement of the matter can be made, the proper mode of calculation is to charge him with rent & hire of the lands, slaves, & movables, and to charge him at the end of each year with interest at five per cent. on the amount of that year's rents; also to charge him up with the various sums received from other sources, and five per cent. interest thereon per annum. This has been substantially the process adopted by the judge a quo. We think, however, that he should not have allowed & directed the compounding annually of the interest, as he has done in his judgment. We know no law that justifies such a judgment. The law required the tutor to invest, under authority of the court, all amounts in his hands when & as often as they reach the sum of $500, but it does not say that in default he shall pay
898 compound interest.

Plaintiff has filed in this court a prayer for the amendment of the judgment by increasing its amount. But the position of parties before us preclude such action. The defendant, the executrix of the estate of S. W. Vance, has not appealed, nor did the plaintiff. They are both appellees, and it is well settled that this court cannot amend or reverse judgments as between appellees.

The intervenors are appellants as are other creditors of the estate of Vance. We can on their demand reduce plaintiff's judgment against the estate of her tutor, but we cannot increase it except contradictorily with the executor.

The only remaining issue is as to the existence and effect of the legal mortgage claimed by plaintiff on the real property of her tutor. The fact is that no registry of plaintiff's mortgage was ever made, as required by the 123 art. of the constitution of 1868 and the legislation thereunder.

Intervenors, therefore, contend that her mortgage perempted and ceased to have effect as to them from & after the first of January, 1870.

Plaintiff, to avoid this defence, alleges that art. 123 aforesaid, so far as it applies to pre-existent legal mortgages, is in conflict with the
899 10th article of the Constitution of the United States in this, that it impairs the obligation of contracts. The language of art. 123, so far as pertinent, is as follows: "The tacit mortgages and privileges now existing in this State shall cease to have effect against third persons after the 1st day of January, 1870, unless duly recorded. The general assembly shall provide by law for the registration of all mortgages & privileges."

The legislature did provide for such registry by act of 1869, p. 114.

The argument is that the mortgage forms a part of the obligation of a contract, and that the State cannot, therefore, impair or abolish it. Sabatier et al. vs. Their Creditors, 6 N. S., 585. Waiving the question (which is certainly a debateable one) whether or not the obligations and mortgages existing against the natural tutor in favor of his ward arise or spring from contracts, we think the plaintiff's argument untenable, in that it assumes that the article 123 destroyed or impaired plaintiff's mortgage obligation in the sense of the Constitution of the United States. Had the article simply declared the abolition & extinction eo instanti of all tacit mortgages, there would have been the case presented by plaintiff's argument. But it

did nothing of the sort. It fixed a future day, reasonably distant, and
900 declared that such mortgages would perempt, prescribe, or cease to exist as to third persons unless recorded by that date.

It is in its nature a statute of limitations. The right of the State to prescribe the time within which existing rights shall be prosecuted, and the means by & conditions on which they may be continued in force, is, we think, undoubted. Otherwise, where no term of prescription exists at the inception of a contract, it would continue in perpetuity, and all laws fixing a limitation upon it would be abortive. Now, it is elementary that the State may establish, alter, lengthen, or shorten the period of prescription of existing rights, provided that a reasonable time be given in futuro for complying with the statute. See Cooley's Con. Lim., p. 376; Story on Const., 236, section 1385.

The interpretation of art. 123 as perempting quoad third persons all tacit mortgages not recorded by 1st January, 1870, has become in this State a rule of property, and, even if wrong in principle, we would hesitate long before we would precipitate the property interests of this State into the vortex of litigation & uncertainty which the maintenance of plaintiff's proposition would engender. See 27 A., 392; 26 A., 584; 24 A., 25; 20 A., 278.

We hold, therefore, that the judgment appealed from is erroneous
901 in so far as it recognizes a legal or tacit mortgage in favor of plaintiff. Her claim has no other rank than that of an ordinary creditor of S. W. Vance.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the judgment appealed from, in so far as it directs the compounding of interest, and in so far as it recognizes a legal mortgage in favor of plaintiff is annulled & avoided; that in all other respects said judgment is affirmed. The costs of appeal to be paid by appellees, and those below by the succession of S. W. Vance.

Judgment and decree.—Extract from the minutes, February 9th, 1880.

The court was duly opened; present, their honors Thomas C. Manning, chief justice, Robert H. Marr, Alcibiade Deblanc, Wm. B. Spencer, & Edward D. White, associate justices.

S. E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
S. E. VANCE, EXEC'T'X, G. W. SENTELL & CO., intervenors. } No. 7678.

On appeal from the parish court of the parish of Bossier.

It is ordered, adjudged, & decreed that the judgment appealed from, in so far as it directs the compounding of interest, and in so far as it
902 recognizes a legal mortgage in favor of plaintiff, is annulled and avoided; that, in all other respects, said judgment is affirmed. The costs of appeal to be paid by appellees, and those below by the succession of S. W. Vance.

Petition for writ of error.

To the honorable the chief justice of the supreme court of the State of Louisiana:

The petition of Sarah E. Vance and her husband, S. J. Zeigler, of the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, respectfully represents that on the 18th of February, 1880, a final judgment was rendered against petitioners by the honorable the supreme court of the State of Louisiana, being the highest court of law of the State of Louisiana in which a decision could be had, in a certain suit entitled "Sarah E. Vance et al. vs. Sarah E. Vance, executrix, and Geo. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors." That petitioner, Sarah E. Vance, was plaintiff appellant, and Sarah E. Vance, executrix, defendant and appellee, and Geo. W. Sentell & Co. intervenors and appellants, No. 7648, and that in said decision and suit was drawn in question certain rights, communities, mortgages, and privileges, and that the article 153 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana, abolishing tacit mortgages, and the act of the legislature of the State of Louisiana of
903 1869 to carry into effect article 123 aforesaid, violated the article 1, section 10, of the Constitution of the United States, which prohibits a State legislature passing any law impairing the obligation of contracts, and that said article 123 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1868 and act of the legislature to carry same into effect are null & void as to pre-existing mortgage of petitioner and repugnant to the aforesaid article of the Constitution of the United States, and that in said decision the Constiution and statutes of the United States being drawn in question, the decision was against her therein, and that said decision is against the rights claimed under the said article of the Constitution of the United States, and in favor of the validity of the act of the legislature and State constitution aforesaid.

That petitioner is aggrieved by the decision and final judgment, and is advised that there is error therein to her prejudice, and is desirous that the same may be re-examined by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Wherefore petitioner prays to be allowed a writ of error from said judgment, which shall be a supercedeas and stay execution, returnable to the Supreme Court of the United States upon the first day of
904 *of* the ensuing term upon her furnishing bond, conditioned according to law, with good and solvent security in the sum of one thousand dollars; and that Sarah E. Vance, ex'trx of S. W. Vance, and G. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors, and the members thereof, and other parties in interest, if any be duly cited to answer said writ, and for general relief.

(Signed) T. T. & A. D. LAND &
" COTTON & LEVY,
Atty's for S. E. Vance and Husband.

Order granting writ.

The writ of error prayed is granted upon the petitioner giving bond for the sum of one thousand dollars.

(Signed) THOS. C. MANNING,
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of La.

NEW ORLEANS, *February 28th*, 1880.

Writ of error.

Supreme court of the State of Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL., PLAINTIFFS IN ERROR,
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EXE'TX, & G. W. SENTELL & Co., int'rs defendants in error. } No. 7678.

Copy of a writ of error lodged in the clerk's office of the circuit court of the United States, for the fifth circuit, and district of Louisiana,
905 in pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided this day of March, one thousand and eighty.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *ss:*

The President of the United States to the honorable the judges of the supreme court of the State of Louisiana, greeting:

Because in the record and proceedings, as also in the rendition of the judgment of a plea which is in said supreme court of the State of Louisiana, before you, or some of you, being the highest court of law or equity of the said State in which a decision could be had in the said suit between Sarah E. Vance and S. J. Zeigler, her husband, plaintiffs, and Sarah E. Vance, executrix of the succession of S. W. Vance, deceased, defendant, and George W. Sentell and Benjamin Conyers, composing the firm of G. W. Sentell & Co., and Simon Levy and Lazarus Bodenheimer, composing the firm of Levy & Bodenheimer, and W. E. Hamilton, and W. B. Hamilton, composing the firm of Hamilton & Co., and S. B. McCutcheon, composing the firm of S. B. McCutcheon & Co., intervenors, wherein was drawn in question the validity of statutes of said State of Louisiana, or an authority exercised under said State on the ground of their being repugnant to the Con-
906 stitution, treaties, or laws of the United States, and the decision was in favor of such their validity, or wherein was drawn in question a construction of a clause of the Constitution of the United States, and the decision was against the title, right, privilege, or exemption specially set up or claimed under such clause of the Constitution, a manifest error hath happened, to the great damage of the said plaintiffs, Sarah E. Vance and S. J. Zeigler, her husband, as by their complaint appears. We being willing that error, if any hath been, should be duly corrected, and full and speedy justice done to the parties aforesaid in this behalf, do command you, if judgment be therein given, that then, under your seal, distinctly and openly, you send the record and proceedings aforesaid, with all things concerning the same to the Supreme Court of the United States, together with this writ, so that you have the same at Washington on the second Monday of October next, in the said Supreme Court to be then and there held, that the record and proceedings aforesaid being inspected, the said Supreme Court may cause further to be done therein to correct that error what of right and according to the laws and customs of the United States should be done.

907 Witness the honorable Morrisson R. Waite, Chief Justice of the

said Supreme Court of the United States, this 27th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighty.

[SEAL.] (Signed) F. A. WOOLFLEY,
Clerk of the United States Circuit Court for the District of Louisiana.

(Endorsed:) Filed March 30th, 1880. (Signed) Frank Wall, d'y clerk.

Bond for writ of error.

Supreme court of the State of Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE ET AL.
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EX'T'X, G. W. SENTELL, et al., int'rs. } No. 7678.

Know all men by these presents that we, Sarah E. Vance& S. J. Zeigler, her husband, as principals, and Reuben M. McKellar, of Shreveport, La., as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto S. E. Vance, executrix of S. W. Vance, G. W Sentell and Benjamin Conyers, composing the firm of G. W. Sentell & Co.; Simon Levy and Lazarus Bodenheimer, composing the firm of Levy & Bodenheimer; W. E. Hamilton and W. B. Hamilton, composing the firm of Hamilton & Co., and S. B. McCurtcheon, composing the firm of S. B. McCutcheon & Co., in the full & just
908 sum of one thousand dollars, to be paid to the said obligees, and to each of them, and to their and each of them certain attorney, executors administrators, or assigns; to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, & administrators, jointly and severally by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 30th of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Whereas, lately in the supreme court of Louisiana, in a suit pending in said court, wherein Sarah E. Vance and S. J. Zeigler, her husband were plaintiffs, and the said obligees defendants and intervenors, judgment was rendered against the said plaintiffs, and the said plaintiffs having obtained a writ of error, and filed a copy thereof in the clerk's office of said court, to reverse the judgment in the aforesaid suit, and a citation directed to the said defendants and said intervenors et al., citing and admonishing them and each of them to be and appear at a Supreme Court of the United States, to be holden at Washington, the 2d Monday of October next:

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if said plaintiffs Sarah E. Vance and S. J. Zeigler, her husband, shall prosecute their
909 writ to effect, and answer all damages and costs if they fail to make their plea good, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

(Signed) SARAH E. VANCE &
S. J. ZEIGLER, *her Husband.*
By KENNARD, HOWE & PRENTISS, [L. S.]
Att'ys.

(Signed) REUBEN N. McKELLAR. [L. S.]

Sealed and delivered in presence of witness.
(S'g'd) CH'S CHAFFE,
" E. J. HAMILTON.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
State of Louisiana:

Reuben N. McKellar, being duly sworn, says that he resides in Shreveport, in the State of Louisiana, that he signed the foregoing bond, and is well worth the sum of one thousand dollars over and above all his debts and liabilities and property exempt from execution.

(Signed) REUBEN N. McKELLAR.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on March 30th, 188 .

(Signed) WYNNE ROGERS.
Second Justice of the Peace.

Bond approved.

(Signed) TH. C. MANNING,
Chief Justice.

(Endorsed:) Filed March 30th, 1880. (Signed) Frank Wall, d'y c'k.

Waiver of G. W. Sentell & Benj. Conyers.

Supreme court of Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE, WIFE, & S. J. ZEIGLER, HER husband,
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX, ET ALS. } No. 7678.

910 On writ of error to Supreme Court of the United States, allowed March 30th, 1880. Bond approved same day and filed for $1,000 (one thousand dollars). Returnable to the Supreme Court at Washington, on the 2d Monday of October, 1880.

Service of citation on the above writ of error is hereby waived.

(Signed) HUDSON & FEARN,
Attorneys for G. W. Sentell, and Benj. Conyers, composing the firm of G. W. Sentell & Co.

(Endorsed:) Filed April 15th, 1880. (Signed) Fank Wall, d'y c'k.

Waiver of Levy & Bodenheimer, Hamilton & Co. and S. T. McCutcheon Co.

Supreme court of Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE, WIFE, &C., S. J. ZEIGLER,
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX, ET ALS. } No. 7678.

On writ of error to Supreme Court of the United States, allowed March 30th, 1880. Bond approved same day and filed for ($1,000) one thousand dollars. Returnable to the Supreme Court, at Washington, on the 2d Monday of October, 1880.

Service of citation on the above writ of error is hereby
911 waived, this April 9th, A. D. 1880.

(Signed) LOONEY & ELSTNER,
Attorneys of record for Simon Levy and Lazarus Bodenheimer, composing the firm of Levy & Bodenheimer, and W. E. Hamilton & W. B. Hamilton, composing the firm of Hamilton & Co., and for Sanford B. McCutcheon, Defendants in Writ of Error.

(Endorsed:) File' April 21st, 1880. (Signed) Frank Wall, d'y c'k.

Waiver of Sarah E. Vance, executrix.

Supreme court of Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE, WIFE, &C., S. J. ZEIGLER,
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX, &C., ET AL. } No. 7678.

On writ of error to Supreme Court of the United States, allowed March 30th, 1880, and filed for $1,000 (one thousand dollars.)

Returnable to the Supreme Court, at Washington, on the 2d Monday of October, A. D. 1880.

Service of citation on the above writ of error is hereby waived this 10th day of April, A. D. 1880.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Attorney of Record for S. E. Vance, Executrix of S. W. Vance, dec'd, Defendant in Writ of Error.

912 *Clerk's certificate.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
State of Louisiana:

Supreme court of the State of Louisiana.

I, George W. Dupré, clerk of the supreme court of the State of Louisiana, holding sessions at the city of New Orleans, do hereby certify that the foregoing nine hundred and eleven (911) pages contain a true, full, and complete transcript of the proceedings had in the parish court for the parish of Bossier, La., in a certain suit wherein Sarah E. Vance and S. J. Zeigler, her husband, were plaintiffs, and Sarah E. Vance, exe't'x of S. W. Vance, defendant, and G. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors, and also of all the proceedings had in this supreme court on the appeal taken by said appellant, which said transcript of appeal is now on the files of this honorable court under No. 7678.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of this honorable court, at the city of New Orleans, this first day of July, A. D. 1880, and in the 104th year of the Independence of the U. S. of America.

[SEAL.] GEORGE W. DUPRÉ,
Clerk Supreme Court of Louisiana.

913 *Judge's certificate.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
State of Louisiana:

Supreme court of the State of Louisiana.

I, Edward Bermudy, chief justice of the supreme court of the State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that George W. Dupré is clerk of the supreme court of the State of Louisiana, holding sessions at the city of New Orleans; that the signature of said clerk to the within certificate is in the proper handwriting of him, the said clerk; that said certificate is in due form of law; and that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at the city of New Orleans, this the first day of July, A. D. 1880, and in the 104th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

[SEAL.] E. BERMUDY,
Chief Justice, La.

(Indorsement on cover:) No. 280. Sarah E. Vance and S. J. Zeigler, her husband, plaintiffs in error, vs. Sarah E. Vance, executrix of the succession of S. W. Vance, dec'd, et al. Louisiana supreme court. Filed 25 September, 1880.

Service of citation on the above writ of error is hereby
911 waived, this April 9th, A. D. 1880.

(Signed) LOONEY & ELSTNER,
Attorneys of record for Simon Levy and Lazarus Bodenheimer, composing the firm of Levy & Bodenheimer, and W. E. Hamilton & W. B. Hamilton, composing the firm of Hamilton & Co., and for Sanford B. McCutcheon, Defendants in Writ of Error.

(Endorsed:) File' April 21st, 1880. (Signed) Frank Wall, d'y c'k.

Waiver of Sarah E. Vance, executrix.

Supreme court of Louisiana.

SARAH E. VANCE, WIFE, &C., S. J. ZEIGLER,
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, EXECUTRIX, &C., ET AL. } No. 7678.

On writ of error to Supreme Court of the United States, allowed March 30th, 1880, and filed for $1,000 (one thousand dollars.)

Returnable to the Supreme Court, at Washington, on the 2d Monday of October, A. D. 1880.

Service of citation on the above writ of error is hereby waived this 10th day of April, A. D. 1880.

(Signed) J. A. SNIDER,
Attorney of Record for S. E. Vance, Executrix of S. W. Vance, dec'd, Defendant in Writ of Error.

912 *Clerk's certificate.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
State of Louisiana:

Supreme court of the State of Louisiana.

I, George W. Dupré, clerk of the supreme court of the State of Louisiana, holding sessions at the city of New Orleans, do hereby certify that the foregoing nine hundred and eleven (911) pages contain a true, full, and complete transcript of the proceedings had in the parish court for the parish of Bossier, La., in a certain suit wherein Sarah E. Vance and S. J. Zeigler, her husband, were plaintiffs, and Sarah E. Vance, exe't'x of S. W. Vance, defendant, and G. W. Sentell & Co., intervenors, and also of all the proceedings had in this supreme court on the appeal taken by said appellant, which said transcript of appeal is now on the files of this honorable court under No. 7678.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of this honorable court, at the city of New Orleans, this first day of July, A. D. 1880, and in the 104th year of the Independence of the U. S. of America.

[SEAL.] GEORGE W. DUPRÉ,
Clerk Supreme Court of Louisiana.

913 *Judge's certificate.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
State of Louisiana:

Supreme court of the State of Louisiana.

I, Edward Bermudy, chief justice of the supreme court of the State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that George W. Dupré is clerk of the supreme court of the State of Louisiana, holding sessions at the city of New Orleans; that the signature of said clerk to the within certificate is in the proper handwriting of him, the said clerk; that said certificate is in due form of law; and that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at the city of New Orleans, this the first day of July, A. D. 1880, and in the 104th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

[SEAL.] E. BERMUDY,
Chief Justice, La.

(Indorsement on cover:) No. 280. Sarah E. Vance and S. J. Zeigler, her husband, plaintiffs in error, vs. Sarah E. Vance, executrix of the succession of S. W. Vance, dec'd, et al. Louisiana supreme court. Filed 25 September, 1880.

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Supreme Court of the United States.

SARAH E. VANCE (ZIEGLER),
Plaintiff in Error,
vs.
SARAH E. VANCE, *Executrix,*
ET AL.

No. 280, Oct. Term, 1882.

Error to the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

Brief for Plaintiff in Error.

This action was brought by a minor against the succession of her father and natural guardian or tutor for an account of his administration, in which she claimed a large sum of money, secured by a tacit mortgage on all the property of the accountant. The judge of the lower court in Louisiana found a balance in favor of the minor for $75,295.46, with compound interest from various dates on the component parts of this capital, and recognized entirely the tacit mortgage claimed under Louisiana law in favor of the minor. On appeal, however, the Supreme Court of Louisiana reversed this judgment both as to the anatocism and tacit mortgage, and affirmed it in all other respects. The minor has taken this writ of error, under R. S., U. S., 709. The case is reported in 32 Louisiana Annual, p. 186.

HISTORY OF THE CASE.

In the year 1852, Dr. Samuel W. Vance came from South Carolina, his native State, and settled in Bossier parish, La., where he practiced his profession.—Rec., p. 237.

December 12, 1854, he married Mary Boutwell Gilmer, by whom he had two children, viz:

1. J. B. G. Vance, born September 14, 1856.—Rec., p. 280.
2. Sarah Eliza Vance, (the plaintiff,) born November 4, 1858.

October 15, 1859, Mrs. Mary Boutwell Gilmer Vance (plaintiff's mother) died, leaving two children, above named, her surviving and *separate* or paraphernal property, actually then inventoried at $106,776.07, together *with property in community with her husband*, her one-half, $26,661.16; together, $133,437.23, and entirely free from debt.—Rec., pp. 280, 258, 263.

December 5, 1859, Dr. Samuel W. Vance, the father of plaintiff, was appointed natural tutor of his two minor children, and Geo. E. Gilmer under-tutor. Letters issued to the former December 8, 1859, (Rec., p. 312,) and to the latter January 6, 1860, (Rec., p. 480.) As there were no debts, the entire property of the deceased, Mrs. Mary B. G. Vance, both paraphernal and community, passed at once into the custody and control of Dr. S. W. Vance as natural tutor.

The tacit mortgage in favor of the minors is made to date by the Parish Judge from the date of the mother's death, October 15, 1859.—Rec., p. 866.

April 4, 1861, Dr. S. W. Vance entered into a second marriage with Sally Eliza Gayle or James, (Rec., p. 280,) and there were several children of this marriage; but only one was living when, on—

June 11, 1864, J. B. G. Vance died at about the age of eight years, (Rec., p. 284,) and his property vested under Louisiana law in—

1. His father, Dr. Samuel W. Vance, one-fourth;
2. His sister, (of the *whole* blood,) Sarah E. Vance (Ziegler), (the plaintiff in error here,) three-eighths plus one-eighth, say, one-half;
3. His sister (of the *half* blood) two-eighths, say, one-fourth, of the deceased's estate or succession.

La. Code of 1824, Articles 907, 908, 909.
" 1870, " 911, 912, 913.

Besides this inheritance from her brother, and that from her mother, the plaintiff derived very large amounts of property from her uncle, J. R. Gilmer, of Alabama, and George E. Gilmer, of Louisiana, all of which went into the hands of her father, the natural tutor. Receipts, pp. 520, 576; Troy, pp. 253, 255; Watts, pp. 256, 257; Gilmer, 245, $30,000. One-third interest in succession of George E. Gilmer, p. 309, of $250,000.

January 25, 1877, Sarah E. Vance (the plaintiff) was emancipated by the Parish Judge. She was then a little over eighteen years of age.—Rec., pp. 267, 268.

February 15, 1877, she married S. J. Ziegler.—Rec., p. 280.

May 18, 1877, Dr. Samuel W. Vance, her father and natural tutor, died.,—Rec., p. 284, 271, at foot.

July 19, 1877, Plaintiff, Sarah E. Vance Ziegler, instituted this suit for an account and claiming *a tacit mortgage* for the amount found to be due to her against her father's succession. The executrix of Dr. Vance's will was joined in her defence by several of the creditors of Dr. Vance, who was proved to have died *insolvent.* These creditors claimed that *the tacit mortgage* of the minor no longer existed, and that the minor stood on no better footing in law than the ordinary creditors. The executrix of Dr. Vance did not appeal from the judgment of the parish judge—the creditors were the only appellants in the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Their contention is that the minor's tacit mortgage was extinguished by the failure of the Clerk of the District Court of the parish of Bossier to have it recorded in the Book of Mortgages, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of 1869.

The facts of the case are carefully set forth in the opinion of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.—Rec., p. 580 *et seq.*

ASSIGNMENT OF ERRORS.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana erred:

First. In reversing the judgment of the Probate Judge and declaring that the plaintiff in error had been legally divested, by the Constitution of Louisiana of 1868 and the laws passed under it, of her tacit-mortgage on her tutor's property.

Second. By so construing that Constitution of the State and the laws passed under it, as to cause them to violate *the contract clause* of the U. S. Constitution, Art. 1, Sec. 10., par. 1.

Third. And so construing that Constitution and those laws of Louisiana as to make them violate the Constitution of the United States, in the clause known as *the vested-rights' clause.*—Amendment XIV, Sec. 1.

Fourth. And in not affirming the judgment of the parish judge on all points.

Fifth. And in interpreting the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana erroneously, and thus causing them to conflict with *the contract-clause* and *citizen-clause* of the National Constitution.

ARGUMENT.

Thus far Louisiana has had no less than six Constitutions, the first in 1812; the second in 1845; the third in 1846; the fourth in 1852; the fifth in 1864; the sixth in 1868.

See State Constitutions, pp. 700 to 772.

This State is now working under its seventh Constitution, that of 1878. Prior to the Constitution of 1868, indeed up to the time of the first settlement of Louisiana by the Spaniards, the law as to tutorships has been invariable.

Under the Spanish law, Partidas Fifth, Title 13, Law 23: "E aun dezimos que los bienes de los Guardadores de los huerfanos que son menores de veynte-cinco años, fincan todavia obligados a aquellos que los tienen en guarda, des del dia que començaron a vsar del oficio de la guarda, fasta que les den cuenta e recabdo, de las cosas que touieren dellos."

Two illustrious jurists of Louisiana in 1820, published under the patronage of the State, a translation of all that portion of the Partidas which is considered as having the force of law within its boundaries. They give the following translation of the above:

"And so we say that the estates of the guardian of minors who are under twenty-five years of age, remain bound, in every case, in favor of their pupils, from the day they enter upon the duties of their offices until they render their account and deliver to them what they have received."

2 Moreau & Carlton's Partidas, p. 876.

Louisiana has had three Codes of laws: *First.* "A Digest of the civil laws now in force in the Territory of Orleans," published by authority in 1808. On page 72, article 75, we read: "The property of the tutor is tacitly mortgaged in favor of the minor, from the day of the appointment of said tutor, for the security of his administration and of the responsibility which results from it." See also the following decisions under this law, *viz:*

Welman *vs.* Welman's Syndic, 5 Martin R., 574.
Montegut *vs.* Trouart, 7 Martin R., 361.
Bernard *vs.* Vigniand, 10 Martin R., 482.

The *Second* Code: "The Civil Code of the State of Louisiana promulgated to have effect in one month from May 20, 1825, and known as the Code of 1825, provides: Article 354, "the property of the tutor is tacitly mortgaged in favor of the minor from the day of the appointment of the tutor, as security for his administration, and for the responsiblity which results from it."

It was under *this* Civil Code that Dr. Samuel W. Vance was appointed by the judgment of the competent Court of Probate, and became the natural tutor of Sarah E. Vance (Ziegler,) his daughter, December 5, 1859. At this date, the minor was one year and one month old.

The *Sixth* Constitution of Louisiana (1868), see State Constitution, part 1st, provided in Article 123, on page 767: "The General Assembly shall provide for the protection of the rights

of married women to their dotal and paraphernal property, and for the registration of the same; but no mortgage or privilege shall hereafter affect third parties, unless recorded in the parish where the property to be affected is situated. The tacit mortgages and privileges now existing in this State shall cease to have effect against third persons after the 1st January, 1870, unless duly recorded. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the registration of all mortgages and privileges."

This Constitution was ratified by the people in April, 1868, when the minor was nine years and five months old.

In the debates of the Convention forming this Constitution, on page 262, we find that the following amendment, to the above Article 123, was suggested but not adopted, *viz:* "To strike out the entire article and insert the following: No tacit mortgages, *except those now in existence*, shall ever be enforced or recognized in this State."

The questions involved in this writ of error now distinctly appear:

First. Was there any contract between the tutor and the minor when the tutorship was established December 5, 1859?

Second. Was it secured by a right of tacit-morigage upon all the tutor's property?

Third. Did the 123d Article of the State Constitution of 1868 violate the obligation of that contract and destroy that mortgage given to secure it from and after January 1, 1870?

(*a*) Did this constitution *per se* operate the destruction of the tacit-mortgage in favor of the minor?

(*b*) Did it require legislation to make the Constitution effectual?

(*c*) Did the subsequent legislation carry out the Constitutional provision? And has the minor's contract been impaired in its obligation, and her vested right of mortgage been destroyed without due process of law?

I.

It would be a very singular result, and in our opinion a still more singular commentary on the jurisprudence of some of the most civilized nations for many years, if the judgment of the Parish Judge should be reversed and that of the Supreme Court of Louisiana be affirmed. A female minor, under ten years of age, is stripped of all her property by the direct act of the Legislature of a free State—one of the members of "*a New State of a New Species.*" Any judgment holding such an act valid violates directly all true ideas of Right and the common consciousness of the people. It really seems as though the Supreme Court of

Louisiana felt themselves bound to execute the Constitution and State laws, and recognize the universal power of the Legislative department, under a strong impression that the judiciary is "*too weak to withstand the antagonism of the Legislature.*" Fortunately for us, the declarations of this high Court have always been most decidedly and earnestly in favor of "the faithful performance of contracts and the honest administration of justice."

No doubt can exist that, under Louisiana law, the legal relations of a tutor to his minor are *contractual.* Even the Supreme Court of Louisiana in the present case virtually admit this point in their opinion, in saying: "Waiving the question, which is certainly a debatable one, whether or not the obligations and mortgages existing against the natural tutor in favor of his ward, arise or spring from contract, we think," etc., etc.

Here the Court evidently has in mind the Louisiana case of Lobrano *vs.* Nelligan, 9 Wall., 295, where the Legislature had by special act authorized a natural tutor to sell his own real estate free from mortgage, and invest the minor's share thereof in certain species of securities which could not be assigned or transferred until the termination of the tutor's administration. It never was doubted in Louisiana, until that opinion was delivered, that the legal relations between a tutor and his minor were *contractual,* for all the codes of that State expressly say so. Article 2271, Code of 1825, and Article 2292 of 1870, provide: "Certain obligations are contracted without any agreement, either on the part of the person bound, or of him in whose favor the obligation takes place. Some are imposed by the sole authority of the laws; others, from an act done by the party obliged, or in his favor. The first are such engagements as result from tutorship, curatorship, neighborhood, common-property, the acquisition of an inheritance, and other cases of a like nature. The obligations which arise from a fact, personal to him who is bound or relative to him, result either from quasi-contracts, or from offences and quasi-offences." See, also, Code of 1808, page 318, Art. 3, where the language is: "In the number of quasi-contracts are not included those which are formed involuntarily, such as those of tutors and other administrators, who cannot refuse the functions confided to them, nor those which are formed between neighboring landholders; in all those cases the obligation results only from the authority of the law."

Now, in the Lobrano case *ut sup.*, this Court says: "It is certain there was no contract to violate which the parties themselves had any hand in making, and the inquiry arises whether the law has made one for them which has been impaired by this statute." And the opinion concludes: "By the statute in question,

which was intended to benefit the minor children of Robb, and was an indirect mode of investing their means, under legislative direction, a change of security has been effected, and nothing more, and we cannot see how the minors, in the proper sense of the term, have been divested of any right in consequence of this change. Be this as it may, the Legislature never contracted with them, or with any one in their behalf, not to use its power in this regard, and there being no contract to violate, there is no question in this case which this Court can review." And again: "It is not to be presumed the Legislature will lessen the security, except for good cause, nor jeopard by its course of action the estate of the minor, but should such be the case, *the corrective cannot be applied by this Court.*"

But in the present case, the minor's security is not merely lessened—it is entirely destroyed. A "*more or less*" is altogether inapplicable to the prohibition of the national constitution. Any impairment of the obligation of the contract, is the aim of the legislator; for "*statutory preferences* are *the contract itself* resulting from and declared by an act of the legislature."

Bank of Pennsylvania, 60 Penn., 471.

The waiver of this question, "contract or no contract?" by the Supreme Court of Louisiana, is profoundly significative, because, if any weight were to be attached to the question, it would have been a conclusive reply to the Federal question raised in the record. This Federal question would then have been a wholly irrelevant inquiry. How can there be a Federal question under the contract clause of the National Constitution when the existence of any contract to be impaired is doubted or denied?

Not only do the provisions of law embodied in the three Codes of Louisiana expressly declare the existence of a contract between the tutor and his minor, but the decided cases in her courts give effect to the doctrine. We need not adduce any instances in addition to those before quoted. And the harmony of the whole system of State laws will be found to support it. In particular, a part of the definition of the term "mortgage" itself reads—Code of 1825, art. 3251; Code of 1870, art. 3284: "The mortgage is accessory to a principal obligation which it is designed to strengthen, and of which it is to secure the execution."

When this contract-clause of the constitution came for the first time before this Supreme Court for adjudication, in Fletcher *vs.* Peck, the great jurist said: "When then the law is in its nature a contract; when absolute (vested, acquired, immediately fixed, perfect, certain, defined, private) rights have vested under that contract, a repeal of the law cannot divest those rights." "But

if an act be done under a law, a succeeding legislature cannot undo it. The past cannot be recalled by the most absolute power." There is not the slightest hesitation expressed by this court as to the scope and extent of the contract clause. It extends not only to executed contracts but to those which are merely executory. We need make no distinction. The clause embraces all contracts, whether they are legislative or consensual under the civil law; or simple, of record, under seal, executory or executed, under the common: for the plain reason that they all equally come from the law; have their source in the law, and do not and cannot exist without a *vinculum juris*. Though negative in its language and prohibitory in its terms, the contract clause is nothing more than the affirmation of the law which gives the sanction and enforces the respect due to the principle, that every man should keep his word and fulfill his promises.

5th Marcadé, 437.

"There is no perceptible difference between the law of a contract whether it results from and is declared by an act of the legislature, or is the result of the agreement of the parties."

Bank of Pennsylvania, 60 Penn., 480.

"When a right has arisen upon a contract, or a transaction in the nature of a contract authorized by statute, and has been so far perfected that nothing remains to be done by the party asserting it, the repeal of the statute does not affect it, or an action for its enforcement. It has become A VESTED RIGHT, which stands independent of the statute."

Steamship Co. *vs.* Jolliffe, 2 Wall., 457.

"No general or special legislative act can be so construed as to avoid or modify a legal contract previously made."

La. Code, 1870, art. 1945.

II.

When this natural tutorship began on December 5, 1859, the right of the plaintiff, the minor, to a tacit mortgage was established on all her tutor's property by positive law, as has been shown; and this tacit mortgage was to continue to exist "until he (the tutor) rendered his account and delivered to the minor what he has received." This right, however, could not be enforced until the minor became a major or duly emancipated, to wit, on January 25, 1877; in other words, not until the tutor's

functions had legally ceased to exist; not until the tutorship had expired. The minor's right was *strictly personal* to her.

La. Code, 1870, art 357.
Brooks *vs.* Pool, 8 Martin N. S., 665.
Holmes *vs.* Hemken, 6 Rob. R., 51.
Elam *vs.* Nolan, 11 La. Ann., 523.
McHugh *vs.* Stewart, 12 La. Ann., 362.

III.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana held that, inasmuch as the article 123 of the constitution of 1868 fixed a reasonably distant day and declared that such (tacit) mortgages would perempt, be prescribed or cease to exist as to third persons, unless recorded by January 1, 1870, it was "in its nature a statute of limitations; that the right of the State to prescribe the time within which existing rights shall be prosecuted, and the means by and the conditions on which they may be enforced, is, we think, undoubted. Otherwise, where no time of prescription exists at the inception of the contract, it would continue in perpetuity, and all laws fixing a limitation upon it would be abortive." That this interpretation has become "a rule of property, and even if wrong in principle, we would hesitate long before we would precipitate the property-interests of this State into the vortex of litigation and uncertainty which the maintenance of plaintiff's proposition would engender." Four decisions of the court are quoted as sustaining their position; three of them are married women's cases, and one, the first cited, seems to declare the non-recording of the minor's mortgage as fatal to all claim under it.

Skinner *vs.* Sibley, 27 La. An., 392.

It is clear beyond all doubt from the very language of the article 123, that it could not execute itself; that, until the General Assembly did provide by law for registration, non-registration could not destroy the tacit mortgage of a minor. This portion of the article cannot be separated from the other portions;

for no mortgage could by possibility be recorded until the means to do it were supplied by the legislative department.

The opposite interpretation would be this: The General Assembly shall provide for the protection of the rights of married women to their dotal and paraphernal property; but whether the General Assembly shall legislate or not, all mortgages and privileges shall cease to have effect against third persons after January 1, 1870, "*unless duly recorded.*" The condition implies a recordation in strict conformity to legal provisions *existing* at the date thereof.

But this opinion of the Louisiana court shows the judges to be unwittingly conscious of the error in this latter construction, for it expressly admits that—"Had the Article 123 simply declared the abolition and extinction *eo instanti* of all tacit mortgages, there would have been the case presented by plaintiff's argument." We have conclusively and indisputably shown that the Article 123 declares the minor's tacit mortgage extinct *not cotemporaneously* or *eo instanti*, but extinguishes it absolutely, and this extinction takes place nine years BEFORE any right of action accrued to the minor or any one else to enforce it.

The tutorship of minors forms an integral part of the family law of Louisiana, and is a regular, organized, existing law-institute, with all its own essential elements of law. Under this institute of family law the legal relations between this tutor and this minor have been entered into and perfected from the date of the appointment by the Probate Judge. These *legal relations* cannot be changed by a change in the *law-institute.* As they existed at the time the legislative contract was perfected, they must be enforced. The juridical facts of the case cannot be disturbed to the extent of taking away either the claim or the defence of the parties; nor can the case, *in its substance*, be changed.

It is very clear that the terms of the Article 123 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1868, though clothed in language seemingly designed for the action in the future of the therein enunciated rule of law, are really retroactive and in effect go back to the day when the legislative contract was perfected. In this, as well as in all other respects, this contract stands here on precisely the same grounds as all other contracts of sale, lease, mandate, *negotiorum gestor*, deposit, partnership, loan for use, pledge, partition, &c., &c. *After* the contract has been *executed*, *i. e.*, *after* the legal relations have been formed and completed, the law cannot interpose to *change the contract* or *alter the legal relations.* The *vinculum juris* can only be unshackled by *performance.* It is a plain contradiction in terms to say that a State in the Union or the Union itself can impair the obligation of a contract. Though the pro-

hibitory article of the constitution has been somewhere loosely said to apply to the States in the Union only, the principle, as a far higher international law, rests on the United States and embraces the world.

McMillan *vs.* McNeil, 4 Wheat., 209.
Hepburn *vs.* Griswold, 8 Wall., 603, 623.

It is freely admitted that the men who composed the convention which adopted the Louisiana Constitution of 1868 intended, if it could legally be done, according to right and justice, to abolish all tacit mortgages in favor of minors; and this from January 1, 1870. These men were the exponents of the public opinion of that day, which pronounced against any unrecorded privileges and mortgages. The prohibition was not only general but universal. The change was very great, and has been applied by the Supreme Court of the State to all legal relations embracing a privilege or mortgage, whether affecting movables or immovables. We need not specify. To illustrate: suppose the people of the United States were to add the following to the amendments of the Constitution: "No maritime lien or privilege, no equitable charge of any kind whatever, shall hereafter affect third persons unless recorded in the State where the property to be affected is situated. All such liens, privileges, charges now existing in the United States shall cease to have effect against third persons after the first day of January next. Congress shall provide by law for the registration of all liens, privileges and equitable charges;" and your Honors will have a very faint conception of the nature, character and widespread operation of this Louisiana law.

It is submitted the Article 123, Louisiana Constitution of 1868, was not intended to deprive the minor of any of her acquired rights, but to vest them in her even more firmly than they were at that time under the prevailing laws. As we interpret the article, it was to be without operation unless provision, ample, full and effective, were made for the due recordation of the minor's tacit mortgages by the General Assembly.

The limitation of time to January 1, 1870, was not intended to bar the minor's mortgage prior to that date, but to give the requisite opportunity to the Legislature to pass the needful laws. Or, the article may mean and actually be valid in regard to all tutorships springing into existence from and after January 1, 1870; and this construction avoids all difficulty in the cases. The well known Roman law on retroactivity—*nec enim placet Janus in legibus*—prevails in all civilized countries, and the doctrine is as familiar to jurists of modern times as it was in Justinian's era: *Leges et constitutiones futuris certum est dare formam negotiis, non ad*

facta præterit a revocari, nisi nominatim et de præterito tempore, et ad huc pendentibus negotiis cautum sit.—Code 1, 14, 7: "Laws have no retroactive effect and only regulate future transactions, unless there is an express provision for the past transactions or for those actually pending."

Couch *vs.* Jeffries, 4 Burrows, 2461.
Whitman *vs.* Hapgood, 10 Mass., *437.

It is sought to withdraw this case from the sphere of activity in which the contract clause of the United States Constitution reigns supreme, by the intimation "that the legislation complained of only affects *the mode of execution* of the minor's contract. That this legislation brought the exercise of the minor's vested rights and their preservation *under new formalities only.* That a law providing for making patent all latent or tacit hypothecations, mortgages or pledges before a certain reasonable and future date neither retroacts nor impairs any of the obligation of the contracts which are secured by these collaterally. And that such is strictly this case."

We admit that legislation cannot be suspended and laws made fixed and unchangeable; and that the common conscience of the people of one day and generation cannot bar and dominate all future times by its peculiar ideas or system of laws, against improvement and progress; in other words, we admit that the legislative power may make all tacit mortgages into open, public recorded mortgages, by requiring their registry by a certain reasonably distant and future day; though the wisdom of such legislation, in regard to the minor's tacit mortgage, may be properly challenged. But such legislation to be valid must act on parties with all the requisite capacity to act—on parties free and capable of doing the acts required of them; on parties whose personal and voluntary acts are in question, and for whose omission of performance of these acts, that is, for their fault, the law forfeits their acquired rights. It is too clear that such legislation would not bind or be applicable to interdicts or infants. If such a law were made applicable to them during their disability, there would be introduced into their contracts *a condition subsequent* which would eat out their very substance.

Besides, whilst the legislative power of the States over their registry laws is conceded, still, the exercise of this power in altering the remedy is always subject to the paramont condition that the obligation of the contract be not impaired. "But if that

effect is produced, it is immaterial whether it is done by acting on the remedy or directly on the contract itself. In either case, it is prohibited by the Constitution."

Bronson *vs.* Kinzie *et al.*, 1 Howard, 316.

"The remedy subsisting in a State when and where a contract is made and is to be performed is a part of its obligation; and any subsequent law of the State which so effects that remedy as substantially to impair and lessen the value of the contract is forbidden by the Constitution, and is, therefore, void."

Edwards *vs.* Kearzey, 6 Otto. 595.

IV.

But the Federal questions involved in the present case are not to be determined in regard to constitutional provisions alone, but also in regard to the act of the Louisiana General Assembly of March 8, 1869, No. 95: "To carry into effect Article 123 of the Constitution and to provide for recording all mortgages and privileges." See Session Acts 1869, p. 114; section 11 reads: "That it shall be the duty of the clerks of the district courts of the several parishes in this State to make out an abstract of the inventory of the property of all minors whose tutors have not been required by law to give bond for their tutorship, such abstract to describe the real property, and give the full amount of the appraisement of all the property, both real and personal, and rights and credits, and to deposit such abstracts with the recorders of the several parishes, whose duty it shall be to record the same as soon as received in the mortgage-book of their parish; such abstracts to be made out and deposited with the recorders by the first day of December, 1869, and recorded by the first day of January, 1870. This section to apply only to tutorship granted before the passage of this act, and any failure of the clerks or recorders to perform the service required by this section shall subject them to any damages that such failure may cause any person, and shall farther subject them to a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, for the benefit of the public school fund, to be recovered by the district attorney or district attorney *pro tem.* before any court of competent jurisdiction; such abstracts, when recorded in any parish in which the tutor owns mortgageable property shall constitute a mortgage on the said tutor's property until the final settlement and discharge of the tutor, the fees for making out and recording such abstracts shall be the same as the fees prescribed for the clerks and recorders for other similar services, and shall be paid on demand

by the tutor, or, if the minors have arrived at the age of majority, by them, and if no responsible person can be found, then any property owned by the minors for whose benefit such services were performed shall be sold to pay the same, and if no person or property be found to pay the same, then the parish shall pay the same, and have recourse against the person or property of any person for whose benefit the services were performed."

The simple meaning of all this is: the tacit mortgages now existing in favor of all minors on the property of their natural tutors shall be recorded by the clerk of the district court. The clerk failed to perform the duty thus imposed upon him; therefore, it is concluded, the minor's mortgage has been swept away and lost as to third persons for not being duly recorded. Our contention is that the State was bound to preserve our legislative contract in all its integrity; it might render its performance more safe and certain by its legislation, but could not impair its obligation; and that this result was actually intended by the constitutional provision and the State statute, flows from the following considerations, viz: The legislative intent was not to operate on real estate, making it safe and profitable as an investment, but to benefit the minors as a class to whom all governments have extended shelter and protection. Instead of requiring the minor after attaining majority to pursue all the ramified transactions connected with the real estate of the tutor tacitly mortgaged for the benefit of the minor, viz: by exhausting the tutor's property most recently sold and ascending gradually to that which had been sold the longest, La. Code, 1870, arts. 3236, 3237, (see *arguendo* Savings Bank *vs.* Cresswell, 10 Otto, 630.) The legislative intent was to benefit the minor by making his mortgage direct and patent, and thus enable him to proceed as if no alienation whatever of the tutor's property had been made. So the new act provides that the natural tutor, and all other tutors not required by law to give bond, cannot be appointed unless the judge previously "cause a certificate from the clerk of the district court of the amount of the minor's property, according to the inventory on file in his office, to be recorded in mortgage-book in the parish in which the tutor resides or has his domicil."—See section 2, act Mch. 8, 1869, p. 114.

But as to existing natural tutorships, and all those in which no bond is required to be given, the provisions of the eleventh section of the act (it has been already given in full) make it the duty of the clerk to make out abstract of minor's property and have it recorded in the records of the various parishes; and on failure of clerk or recorder, they are made liable for all damages suffered by "any person," and further, to a fine, &c. But there

is no provision in this section in any shape, implicitly or explicitly, that the tacit mortgage of the minor "*shall cease to exist unless recorded before January* 1, 1870." This is asserted in the constitution, but not in the statute quoted; nor do we find it enunciated any where in the Louisiana Code of 1870.

It must likewise be noticed that in all natural tutorships *after* March 8, 1869, by the terms of the statute of that date, the appointment and confirmation of tutor before the recording of the certificate of minor's property "*shall be null and void.*,"—see section second of act of that date, p. 114, and virtually embodied in the Code of 1870, article 321. Such a provision extends further in the way of protection to the minor than the tacit mortgage system, and furnishes proof of the intent and meaning ascribed to it above; and this view is further strengthened by the provision of the eleventh section of the act of March 8, 1869, making the clerk liable to "any person" damaged by his failure to make registry of the abstract of the minor's property. If to this we add the fact that the statute in question no where provides for the cessation of the existence of the tacit mortgage after January 1st, 1870, in conformity to the constitution—the prohibition of which has nowhere been carried out by legislation as therein declared shall be done—we may conclude that the legislature saw and provided as well as it could for the difficulty; recognized the want of power to make the minor's tacit mortgage of no effect under its own as well as under the U. S. constitution, but aimed at the minor's protection by entrusting the duty of recording to the clerk of the court and the recorder of mortgages. To destroy directly or indirectly the real security and the only security held by the minor, is an intention which cannot reasonably be imputed to the legislature, because minors and all other *alieni juris* persons are, and have been, and always will be peculiar objects of protection to the paternal power of the State. And this view also shows there was no intent and could be none in the legislative mind so to enact as to protect third persons, (such as *bona fide* purchasers for value without notice, or, as in this case, general creditors of the natural tutor) at the expense of those who were incapacitated by law from protecting themselves.

The eleventh section of the act of March 8, 1869, as quoted above in full, delegates certain powers and duties to clerks of districts courts and recorders of mortgages. If these powers had been exercised and the duties performed, the minor would have been protected from and after January 1, 1870, *but not anterior to that date.* Her tacit mortgage goes back to the date of the commencement of the tutorship, December 5, 1859; and for all the revenues of these intervening ten years, amounting, according to

the judgment, to over $36,000, not the slightest provision has been made for recourse against the property of the tutor alienated in these years to the prejudice of the minor. So that, had the clerk performed his duty and made the records provided for according to the statute, the mortgage resulting therefrom would only affect the property of the tutor owned by him at the date of the recording; whereas, according to the old and long prevailing law, the tutors' estates are bound "from the day they enter upon their offices." The statute is silent on these ten years' profits and the mortgage to secure them to the minor; and *silently destroys the security given for their payment.* Had the statute been made retroactive, the nullity of the minor's mortage should have been expressly declared.

United States *vs.* Alexander, 12 Wall., 179.

The tacit mortgage of the minor was, at the institution of the tutorship, the only security given by the law for her right to a faithful administration by her tutor. Taking it away from her wholly or partially by legislation is, we contend, an impairment of the obligation of the contract with her tutor and void: that the mortgage was the essential part of this obligation; that it is of the same force and validity whether recorded or unrecorded; and that no subsequent legislation can impair it in any way.

Generalizing this prohibitory contract clause, this Court said: "The obligation of a contract, in the constitutional sense, is the means provided by law by which it can be enforced, by which the parties can be obliged to perform it. Whatever legislation lessens the efficacy of these means impairs the obligation. If it tend to postpone or retard the enforcement of the contract, the obligation of the latter is to that extent weakened. * * Any authorization of the postponement of the payment, or of means by which such postponement may be effected, is in conflict with the constitutional inhibition."

Louisiana *vs.* New Orleans, 12 Otto, 206.

And in another case, about the same time, it was said: "What is meant by impairing the obligation of a contract is well defined. Embarrassments thrown by a statute in the way of enforcing payment of a debt, or *a statutory substitution for the obligation and liability of the debtor of the will of some third person, though that person be a State;* have not heretofore been recognized as consistent with the Constitution. The protection afforded by its provisions and its prohibition of certain State legislation re-

late, not to the mode and form of State statutes, but to their operation or effect."

Meriwether *vs.* Garrett, 12 Otto, 532.

V.

But we may enquire whether the non-performance of duty by the clerk of the district court is to result to the injury of the minor or to the injury of third persons; *i. e.*, persons who are not parties to the contract or judgment: in cases of failure, those creditors of the debtor who contracted with him without knowledge of the rights which he had transferred to another—Louisiana Code, 1870, Arts. 3343, 3556. These creditors now litigating with our client claim to be these third persons. Are these creditors the parties really injured by the clerk's non-performance? or the minor herself? If the minor's mortgage still exists unimpaired in full force and vigor, and unrecorded, in spite both of State constitution and statute, it is plain we have no claim for damages for non-performance; and if, under no conceivable circumstances could the clerk be liable to us in damages for not recording, then the non-recording is without effect upon us, and our tacit mortgage exists now as fully and to all intents and purposes as it ever did.

This question resolves itself into the inquiry as to the capacity in which the court clerk was to act—ministerially or judicially. If in the former capacity, the minor might be liable for his default in not recording the abstract. If in the latter, the minor cannot be liable. The clerk of a court stands towards the judge in a position like the sensational apparatus to the human mind; the marshal is like the executing apparatus—without either, there is, in practice, no court. Yet, so purely simple are some judicial acts, that the power to execute them has been conferred by special statute on the clerk, *e. g.*, where judgment is entered on confession of the parties.—La. Code of Practice, Art. 780. In such cases, his acts are as much judicial as if they had been executed by the judge himself. And it is a general principle that a judge is liable in no manner in a civil action for his judicial acts *done within his jurisdiction.*

Randall *vs.* Brigham, 7 Wall., 523.

On this principle is based the non-liability of a public officer when he acts judicially and not ministerially.

Kendall *vs.* Stokes, 3 How., 87, nonfeasance.
Gould *vs.* Hammond, 1 McAlister, 235, misfeasance.
Wilkes *vs.* Dinsman, 7 How., 89, malfeasance.

The clerk acts judicially when he acts under the provisions of a special statute, where the act is purely an official act required to be done by law. He acts ministerially when he acts under the orders of the court. In the former, he uses personal judgment and discretion with which the law entrusted him and on which personal qualities the law relies. Whenever that judgment and discretion are to be exercised, there exists no power in the court, by any of its processes, to interfere with the officer.

Gaines *vs.* Thompson, 7 Wall., 347.
Young *vs.* Martin, 8 Wall., 354.

Therefore, when the statute of March 8, 1869, imposes the duty on clerks to make out abstracts "of the inventory of the property of all minors whose tutors have not been required by law to give bond for their tutorship," the clerks are required to exercise judgment and discretion of the highest character and greatest importance in determining those tutors to whom the statute refers. Had the law been universal and applied to all tutorships, the case would be less difficult, but still governed by the same principle. The clerk throughout is not made by the statute the agent of the tutor, or of the minors, or of third persons; but the agent and instrument of the law itself. Under the Code Napoleon, Article 2138, this identical duty is imposed upon *le procureur impériale près le tribunal de premierè instance du domicile des maris et des tuteurs, on du lieu de la situation des biens;* but no liability ever attached to him for any omission of his duty. These "procureurs" seem to have performed the duty imposed on them too fully; for they were counselled to take such action only *en parfaite connaissance de cause,* and not put the parties to *frais frustratoires,* etc., etc.

Boileun, C. N., commenting the quoted article.

And to urge that the minors are estopped by the failure to record the abstract to operate in the place of the tacit mortgage, is altogether untenable, *for they are without fault.*

These views find illustration and confirmation in Lancaster *vs.* Smith, 67 Penn., 427, where a *bona fide* purchaser for value was made to suffer from a satisfaction of a recorded mortgage made under a forged power of attorney.

See, also,

De St. Romes *vs.* Blanc, 20 La. An., 424.
Delavigne *vs.* Gaiennie, 11 Rob., (La.,) 171.

"In equity, the cancellation of a mortgage on the record is only *prima facie* evidence of its discharge. It may be proved to

have been made by accident, mistake or fraud; and the mortgage will then be established even against subsequent mortgagees without notice."

1 Hilliard on Mortgages, 526.

Rights depending on acts of public officers should not fail because of official default in recording those acts. Such defects may be amended of record. If court abolished, equity would supply relief.

Buchler *vs.* Buffiington, 43 Penn., 278.

It is a well-established principle that where an individual in the prosecution of a right does everything which the law requires him to do, and he fails to attain his right by the misconduct or neglect of a public officer, the law will protect him.

Lytle *vs.* Arkansas, 9 How., 314–333.

The Louisiana Code of 1825 provided in an ample manner for making known to the public the minor's tacit mortgage. Article 3334 imposed the duties on judges and notaries; 3299 on tutors, curators; 3301 on subrogated tutors and curators; and 3304 authorized the relatives of the minor to demand the recording of the minor's mortgage, and, in default of relations, friends; and even the minor might demand it himself by virtue of the same article. Although they all failed to record it, nevertheless it was still a tacit mortgage and operated from the appointment of the tutor.—Article 354. The basic notion of the law was to protect the family; to do everything reasonable to prevent the spoliation of the property of married women, minors, interdicts, and other *alieni juris* persons, *i. e.*, persons under disability. The constitution of 1868 indicates a radical change in this notion; and, if made to retroact, creates the vortex into which the property-interests of these persons "under disability" are to be precipitated. If made to retroact, it is a State law impairing the obligation of a contract; it is the act of the State. In no way can the State indirectly avoid the consequences of this act by empowering a clerk of court to do that which the laws had already commanded tutors and under-tutors and judges to do, and permitted relatives and friends and even to minors themselves. The clerk was the officer of the State *pro hac vice;* his fault was the State's fault. Viewed singly or together, the result is still the same. Neither Article 123 of the Constitution, nor the act of March 8, 1869, in view of these legal principles, could either destroy or impair our tacit mortgage, our legislative contract, our security for faithful performance of duty,

without a direct, plain, unequivocal violation, both in letter and spirit, of the contract clause of the National Constitution.

It is well settled that where the legislative direction is to perform a judicial act, no retroactive operation is ever given to the statute.

Lambertson *vs.* Hogan, 2 Barr., 25 Gibson, J.

VI.

Quite a number of Louisiana cases are reported under the contract clause of the constitution. We have already quoted several of them. In McMillan *vs.* McNeil, 4 Wheat., 209, we have an instance of a legislative contract attempted to be forced on an unwilling creditor. Groves *vs.* Slaughter, 15 Peters, 449, touches on the torpidity of a state constitution till vivified by statute, and we regard it as a strong argument in support of the views herein expressed on that point. In Delmas *vs.* Insurance Company, 14 Wall, 661, article 127 of the constitution of Louisiana of 1868, was declared void as contrary to the contract clause. It also alludes to cases under the 128th article, likewise declared void, for the same reason. It decides emphatically that, if *after the contract is made*, the ground of the State decision is that a constitutional or legislative enactment was passed, then this court must review whether or not the obligation of the contract is impaired; and hence the first inquiry is, "*did a valid contract exist?*" This fact cannot be found by the State court. The appellate court must find this fact for itself. Boyce *vs.* Tabb, 18 Wall., 546, affirms all these doctrines. Butt *vs.* Ellett, 19 Wall., 544, gives full effect to a tacit privilege or lien not recorded. We refer specially to—

Green *vs.* Biddle, 8 Wheat., 1.
Martin *vs.* Somerville Co., 3 Wall. Jur., 206.
Walker *vs.* Whitehead, 16 Wall., 314.
White *vs.* Hart, 13 Wall., 646, 653.
Tennessee *vs.* Sneed, 6 Otto, 69.

We also append as an addition to these, a Louisiana case alluded to in the opinion of the lower court. Sebastier *vs.* Creditors, 6 Martin's New S., 585. This opinion, if there be any force of reason in decided cases, is quite conclusive of the present case, even on the question pertaining especially to your honors' jurisdiction. Still, the contract clause of the U. S. Constitution has always formed a special provision of all the State constitutions of Louisiana—even of that of the year 1868.

None of the decided cases reach as far as this plaintiff, who, to every suggestion of want of inaction, opposes her disability, her legal incapacity to act. To her, the mortgage is the accessory, the surety to the principal obligation which she holds of her tutor. It is outside of the legislative power to make an accessory obligation dominate its principal obligation *ex post facto*. Hence, the article 123 has in it no element of prescription. We know of no principle of law or of government which would warrant the legislative power to say that the minor's contract with her tutor should be prescribed in four years, to begin from the day of his majority; (L. C. 1825, art. 356; 1870, art. 362,) and declare *at the same time* that all the securities or accessory contracts should be prescribed *before* the attainment of majority. Yet this is the very case now before you, if the view of the lower court be the true one. It is quite clear that Cooley & Story were discussing the power of the States to regulate the prescription of all actions; not that extent of this power in regard to the relations of principal and accessorial contracts or to persons *sui juris et alieni juris*. And even if the doctrine enunciated were true, and the operation of the minor's tacit mortgage be properly restricted to January 1, 1870, where is "the reasonable time given *in futuro* for complying with the statute?" Given to whom? To the minor ten years of age to record her mortgage under the penalty of absolute nullity?

This, with all proper respect, we deem unreasonable; but not more so than the concept that the constitutional provision in question has become "*a rule of property*" against a young woman, who sues as soon as she has been emancipated and *more than two years prior to her attaining her majority*. No lapse of time during her minority could be the basis of a valid rule of law as to her acquisition of rights against the plaintiff. *Contra non valentem agere non currit prescriptio*. We must not confound prescription *acquiendi causâ* with that *liberandi causâ*. The question here necessarily is: If plaintiff has lost an acquired right, who has gained it? Surely no legislative power can take away A's property and give it to B, though both be of full age; and, *á fortiori*, if A is a minor.

VII.

And this leads us to the final assignment of errors: Do the constitution and statute of Louisiana, here in question, deprive the plaintiff of property *without due process of law?* Do they abridge the privileges and immunities of the plaintiff as a citizen of the United States? Do they deny to her the equal protection of the laws?

This assignment of error does not seem to have been passed upon expressly by the lower court; but it is patent on the face of the record. The birth of the plaintiff in Louisiana on November 4, 1858, and subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, constituted her a citizen of the United States and of Louisiana. As such citizen she acquired by inheritance large amounts of property which, by operation of Louisiana law, went into the custody of the father, and for the return of which or its value the same law gave her a tacit mortgage on all her father's property, present and future, dating from Oct. 15, 1859. Of this mortgage, the State has deprived her without due process of law. We challenge the production against us of any process of law whatever.

As a citizen of the United States, the plaintiff has not only been abridged of all the privileges and immunities of a person under disability, but these privileges and immunities have actually been destroyed by the State itself.

And the State has not only denied to her the equal protection of the laws, but virtually proclaimed her an outcast, and entitled to no protection, equal or unequal, *of the laws made specially for her benefit.*

We challenge the production of any case showing greater violation of right than that which is exhibited in the one now before your Honors.

Respectfully submitted.

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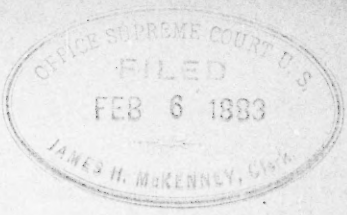

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This suit was brought for a settlement of a tutorship in Louisiana by a minor, after her emancipation and marriage, against the succession of her father and natural tutor, represented by his executrix.

To an account presented by the executrix, the plaintiff made opposition, claiming a tacit mortgage on all the real estate owned by her tutor at the time of his death, and then in his succession, to secure a faithful administration of her property and the payment of whatever balance might be due her by her tutor; and she further alleged that article 123 of the Constitution of Louisiana violated the Constitution of the United States by impairing the obligation of a contract. Thereupon, G. W. Sentell & Co., creditors of the deceased, intervened and opposed the plaintiff's demand, and her claims to a tacit mortgage. The inferior court in Louisiana rendered judgment for the plaintiff for $75,295 46, and recognized the existence of a tacit mortgage in her favor, to secure the same, on all the lands owned by her tutor on and after the day of the commencement of his tutorship.

On appeal the Supreme Court of Louisiana affirmed the judgment of the lower court in all respects, except as to the tacit mortgage and the allowance of compound interest. The cause now comes up on a writ of error taken by the plaintiff in the Louisiana Court. A full report of the case is found in 32 Louisiana Annual, p. 186.

The errors assigned, so far as they are reviewable by this court, are reducible, substantially, to two: That the Supreme Court of Louisiana erred,

1st. In so construing the Constitution of Louisiana, of 1868, and the laws passed under it, as to cause them to violate the *contract clause* of the Constitution of the United States. Art. I, Sec. 10, par. 1.

2d. In so construing that Constitution, and those laws of Louisiana, as to cause them to conflict with the *citizen clause* of the Constitution of the United States. Amendt. XIV, Sec. 1.

Those portions of the Constitution of Louisiana and of the laws thereunder, complained of as obnoxious to the Constitution of the United States, are the following:

"The General Assembly shall provide for the protection of the rights of married women to their dotal and paraphernal property, and for the registration of the same; but no mortgage or privilege shall hereafter affect third parties, unless recorded in the parish where the property to be affected is situated. The tacit mortgages and privileges now existing in this State, shall cease to have effect against third persons after the first of January, eighteen hundred and seventy, unless duly recorded. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the registration of all mortgages and privilegs." Constitution of Louisiana, Art. 123, ratified 17th and 18th April, 1868.

State Constitutions, Part 1st, page 167.

On March 8th, 1869, the Legislature of Louisiana passed the Act No. 95, entitled: "An Act to carry into effect article one hundred and twenty-three of the Constitution, and to provide

for recording all mortgages and privileges," section 11 of which reads:

"Sec. 11. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That it shall be the duty of the clerks of the District courts of the several parishes in this State to make out an abstract of the inventory of the property of all minors whose tutors have not been required by law to give bond for their tutorship, such abstract to describe the real property, and give the full amount of the appraisement of all the property, both real and personal, and rights and credits, and to deposit such abstracts with the recorders of the several parishes, whose duty it shall be to record the same, as soon as received, in the mortgage book of their parish; such abstracts to be made out and deposited with the recorders by the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and recorded by the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy. This section to apply only to tutorship granted before the passage of this act, and any failure of the clerks or recorders to perform the service required by this section, shall subject them to any damages that such failure may cause any person, and shall further subject them to a fine of not less than one hundred, nor more than one thousand dollars, for the benefit of the public school fund, to be received by the district attorney, or district attorney *pro tem.*, before any court of competent jurisdiction; such abstracts, when recorded in any parish in which the tutor owns mortgageable property shall constitute a mortgage on the said tutor's property, until the final settlement and discharge of the tutor; the fees for making out and recording such abstracts shall be the same as the fees prescribed for the clerks and recorders for other similar services, and shall be paid on demand by the tutor, or if the minors have arrived at the age of majority, by them; and if no responsible person can be found, then any property owned by the minors, for whose benefit such services were performed, shall be sold to pay the same; and if no such person or property be found to pay the same, then the

parish shall pay the same, and have recourse against the person or property of any person for whose benefit the services were performed." *Acts of Louisiana, of 1869, pages 116, 117.*

The Civil Code of Louisiana of 1825, which was the law governing the subject when plaintiff's father became her natural tutor, provides: "Art. 354--The property of the tutor is tacitly mortgaged in favor of the minor from the day of the appointment of the tutor, as security for his administration, and for the responsibility which results from it. This general mortgage does not take effect when the tutor has given a special mortgage, according to article 331." The previous Code of 1808 contained the same provision for a minor's tacit mortgage. The Spanish law immediately bequeathed it to Louisiana; but its origin is to be sought in the Justinian Code, in the rescript of the Emperor, Constantine the Great, of the year 314, A. D. See *L. 20, C. V. 37*, whereby a right of pledge on the property of the tutor was conferred.

It is a political axiom, applicable to all of the States of the Union, that the Legislature is vested with all the powers of government which have not been expressly or impliedly delegated to other departments, and there are no restraints upon its power except such as are imposed by the Federal and State Constitutions. In the case of persons under disability, such as minors' the Legislature acts as *parens patriæ*, in granting remedies to protect their rights of property.

"But it is well established law that the individual citizen, with all his rights to protection, has no vested right in what is known in the law as remedies, nor in any existing remedy. He has no such vested interest in the existing laws of the State as precludes their amendment or repeal by the legislature; nor is there any implied obligation on the part of the State—to protect its citizens against incidental injury occasioned by changes in the law. Whatever belongs merely to the remedy, may be altered according to the will of the State, always provided the

alteration does not impair the obligation of a contract; but, if a statute so changes the nature and extent of an existing remedy as materially to impair the rights and interests of the owner of the property, it is just as much a violation of the constitutional provision, as if it directly overturned his rights and interests. If the remedy does not impair the right or property itself, if it still leaves the party a substantial remedy according to the course of justice, as the right existed at the time of the passage of the statute, it does not impair the obligation of the contract, nor will it be held to do so, merely because the new remedy is less efficient, less speedy or less convenient than the old one." *Potter's Dwarris on Statutes and Constitutions, pages 471, 472.*

"In organized society every man holds all he possesses, and looks forward to all he hopes for, through the aid and protection of the laws; but as changes of circumstances, and of public opinion, as well as other reasons of public policy, are all the time calling for changes in the laws, and these changes must more or less affect the value and stability of private possessions, and strengthen or destroy well-founded hopes; and, as the power to make very many of them must be conceded, it is apparent that many rights, privileges and exemptions, which usually pertain to ownership under a particular state of the law, and many reasonable expectations, cannot be regarded as *vested rights* in any legal sense" *Cooley on Constitutional Limitations, pages 357, 358.*

"Although there is a distinction between the obligation of a contract and a remedy upon it, yet if there are certain remedies existing at the time when it is made, all of which are afterwards wholly extinguished by new laws, so that there remains no means of enforcing its obligation, and no redress, such an abolition of all remedies, operating *in presenti*, is also an impairing of the obligation of such contract. But every change and modification of the remedy does not involve such a consequence. No one will doubt that the Legislature may vary the nature and ex-

tent of remedies, so always that some substantive remedy be in fact left. Nor can it be doubted that the Legislature may prescribe the times and modes in which remedies may be pursued, and bar suits not brought within such periods and not pursued in such modes. Statutes of limitation are of this nature, and have never been supposed to destroy the obligation of contracts, but to prescribe the times within which that obligation may be enforced by a suit, and in default to deem it either satisfied or abandoned. The obligation to perform a contract is coeval with the undertaking to perform it. It originates with the contract itself, and operates anterior to the time of performance. The remedy acts upon the broken contract, and enforces a pre-existing obligation." *Story on the Constitution, page 236, Sec. 1385.*

That the Legislature may enact laws regulating registry, or recording of acts, public or private; that it may, in all things touching such registry, prescribe a rule, will hardly be questioned.

In *Jackson vs. Lamphire, 3d Peters, 390,* this court said: "It is within the undoubted power of State legislatures to pass recording acts, by which the elder grantee shall be postponed to a younger, if the prior deed is not recorded within the limited time; and the power is the same, whether the deed is dated before or after the recording act. Though the effect of such a law is to render the prior deed fraudulent and void against a subsequent purchaser, it is not a law impairing the obligation of contracts. Such, too, is the power to pass acts of limitation, and their effect. Reason and sound policy have led to the general adoption of laws of both descriptions, and their validity cannot be questioned."

In New York it has been held that "it is clearly within the powers of the Legislature, as *parens patriæ,* to prescribe such rules and regulations as it may deem proper for the superintendence, disposition and management of the property and effects

of infants, and other persons who are incapable of managing their own affairs." *Cochran vs. Van Surley, 20 Wend. 373.*

In *Terry vs. Anderson*, 95 U. S., page 637, this court held that "a liability by statute is as much the subject of remedial legislation as a liability by contract, unless the remedy enters into and forms part of the obligation which the statute creates." In this case, where the Legislature of Georgia had passed an act providing that all rights of action, accruing prior to June 1st, 1865, and not then (March 16th, 1869) barred, should be prescribed unless enforced by suit instituted before January 1st, 1870, this court held that the time allowed, nine months and seventeen days, was a reasonable time allowed for the statute of limitations to take effect, and that the Legislature is primarily the judge of the reasonableness of the time allowed, and that this court will not overrule that department of the government, unless a palpable error has been committed. To the same effect, on the same statute, is the decision in *Terry vs. Tubman, 92 U. S. p. 156.*

Hoyt vs. Sprague, 103 U. S., page 634, presented a case where the parties in interest had a lien on all the partnership property and effects, for the purpose of calling for a liquidation of the partnership affairs, and a division of the surplus property, and where the Legislature of Rhode Island had passed a special Resolution, authorizing the guardian to make a conveyance of the minors' interests in and to the property of the firm of A. & W. Sprague. This court said: "Suffice it to say, that laws of this character, for the purpose of healing defects, giving relief, aid and authority in cases beyond the force of existing law, have been frequently passed in almost every State of the Union, and have received the sanction not only of this, but of other courts of high authority.

The exercise of that power has been conspicuous in that class of cases in which the Legislature has been called upon to act as *parens patriæ* on behalf of lunatics, minors, and other in-

capacitated persons. * * * In some modern constitutions the exercise of this power has been prohibited to the legislative department. But when not so prohibited, and where it has never been authoritatively condemned in the jurisprudence of the State, we cannot deny to the Legislature the right to exercise it in those cases in which it has been accustomed to be exercised, among which we think the present case may be fairly reckoned. Such laws are not judgments upon any person's rights, but they confer powers upon the exercise of which judgment may afterwards be given."

This court, in *Tennessee vs. Sneed, 96 U. S. page 74*, citing, with approval, 1 How. 311, said: "The rule seems to be that in the modes of proceeding and of forms to enforce the contract, the Legislature has the control, and may enlarge, limit, or alter them, provided it does not deny a remedy, or so embarrass it with conditions and restrictions as seriously to impair the value of the right." The same doctrine is repeated in *Penniman's Case, 103 U. S., page 720.*

The Legislature of Louisiana had passed an act requiring registry of all *judgments* against the city of New Orleans, before pursuing other remedies to enforce payment thereof. Under this statute the case of *Louisiana vs. New Orleans, 102 U. S. page 207*, arose, wherein this court held that the statute did not impair the obligation of contracts, affirming the judgment of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

And more recently this court, in *Koshkonong vs. Burton, 104 U. S. page 675*, used this language: "It was undoubtedly within the constitutional power of the Legislature to require, as to existing causes of action, that suits for their enforcement should be barred unless brought within a period less than that prescribed at the time the contract was made or the liability incurred from which the cause of action arose. The exertion of this power is, of course, subject to the fundamental condition that a reasonable time, taking all the circumstances into consid-

eration, be given by the new law for the commencement of an action before the bar takes effect."

The obligation of the natural tutor to restore to the minor, when of age his property, and to account for its management, based upon a quasi-contract, is in no manner impaired by Article 123 of the Louisiana Constitution, and Act 95 of 1869, passed to carry into effect this constitutional enactment. The right of action against the tutor remains intact. The tacit mortgage previously existing was only accessory to the obligation of the tutor to restore and account; and that obligation existed and still exists independently of the mortgage. To remedy a long existing evil, the uncertainty of existing titles to real estate, which had kept vast amounts of that kind of property out of commerce, the Article 123 of the Constitution was passed. It gave notice from April, 1868, to January 1st, 1870, over twenty months, that after that time no tacit mortgages should affect third parties, *unless recorded* according to law; and it made it the duty of the Legislature to provide for the registration of *all* mortgages and privileges. This duty the Legislature, by the Act 95, approved March 8, 1869, faithfully discharged. The title of the act, "An Act to carry into effect article one hundred and twenty-three of the Constitution, and to provide for recording all mortgages and privileges," unmistakably shows the intention of the Legislature. Section 11 of this act, prescribed the manner of recording tacit mortgages, imposed the duty of doing so on the clerks and recorders, and gave a right of action to any person injured by their neglect for damages sustained. That the time allowed, from March 8, 1869, to January 1, 1870—nine months and twenty-three days—was reasonable, there can be no doubt; and the Legislature, while removing the existing evil, most abundantly provided for guarding the interests of minors. It changed the remedy in so far only as it required notice of the existing tacit mortgages to be given on the public records before a certain future day, reasonably distant;

for article 123 of the Constitution did not abolish existing tacit mortgages at all. It provided that they should continue to have effect against third persons, if recorded, before the day fixed, according to law; for its language is: "The tacit mortgages and privileges *now* existing in this State shall cease to have effect against third persons after January 1st, 1870. *unless* duly recorded." Thus the new law requiring the registry of tacit mortgages appertains to the remedy. The State had an undoubted right to require the registry of all existing mortgages and privileges and to fix the limitation of time in which the registry should be made. It was under no obligation to any citizen not to do so; for it had never undertaken not to do so. There is no constitutional prohibition in its organic law forbidding the Legislature to exercise this power; on the contrary, the Constitution itself made it the duty of the Legislature to regulate this registry by a proper enactment. The new law is, in its nature, simply a statute of limitations. And the highest court of the State has uniformly upheld it, and it has become a settled rule of property. 22 Louisiana Annual, page 278; 24 La. Annual, 25; 26 La. Annual, 584; 27 La Annual, 392; the first and last of which were cases of minors, the others being of married women's rights.

So far the question has been treated as if the tacit mortgage were a *contract* within the meaning of the Constitution of the United States. But such it is not. There is no contract between the minor and tutor which they had any hand in making; there is no contract made for them by the State; and there is no contract made with either of them by the State. Until a contract of one or the other of these kinds be shown, the question of impairing its obligation, in the constitutional sense, cannot arise; and, if injury result from the new law, this court is without power to apply the corrective, as was said in *Lobrano vs. Nelligan, 9 Wall.*, pages 296 to 298, where the whole question is clearly and fully discussed, and conclusively decided.

In so far as it is contended that there was a violation of Amendment XIV, Sec. 1, of the Constitution, it suffices to say that that amendment was never intended to apply to such cases. This court has enunciated the purpose and extent of that amendment. But there was no *vested right* in the minor, in the constitutional sense, to be divested, and no property to be taken without due process of law. This amendment, as was held by this court in *Missouri vs. Lewis*, 101 U. S., page 31, "means that no person or class of persons shall be denied the same protection of laws, which is enjoyed by other persons or classes of persons in the same place and under like circumstances."

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